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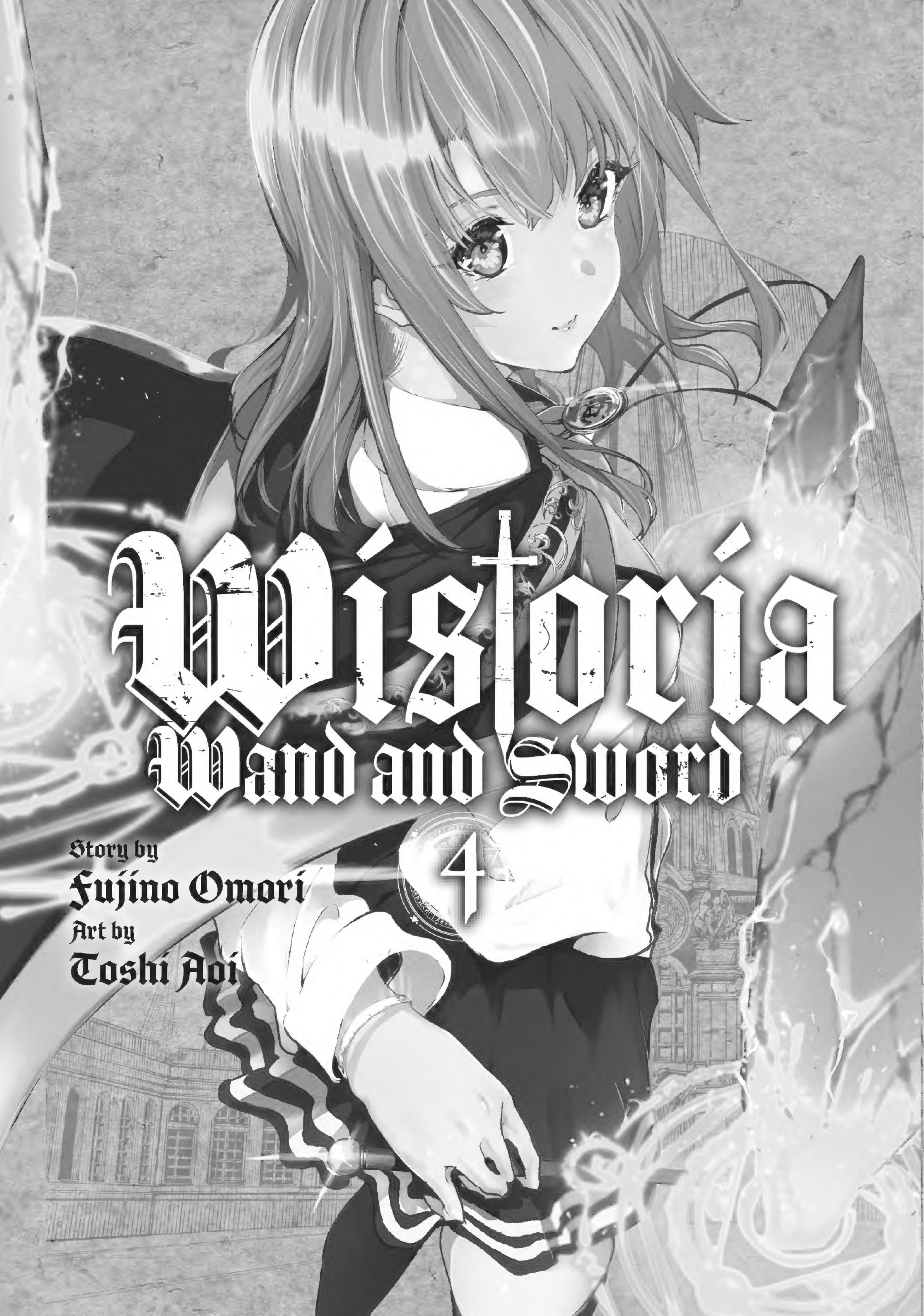
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Characters

LIHANNA OWENZAUS

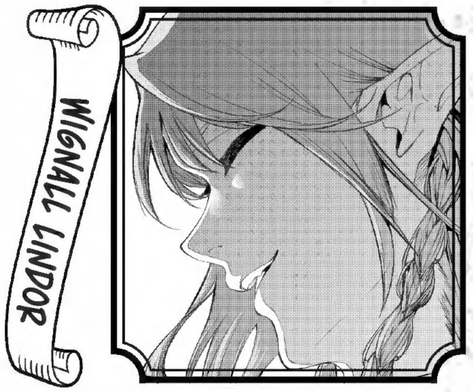
A sixth-year at Regarden Magical Academy and scion of House Owenzaus, a line of knights. She is one of the top three students in her year, and her unfailing excellence has earned her the nickname "Miss Perfect." She invited Will to join her party for the All-Student Praxis.

JULIUS REINBERG

A sixth-year at Regarden Magical Academy, an ice mage, and one of the top three students in Will's year. He succeeded in casting ***Ars Weiss***, one of the ***El Glace Frosse*** spells created by Elfaria, but Will saw through the attack and overwhelmed him.

ROSTI NAUMAN

A sixth-year at Regarden Magical Academy, a talented magic artificer, and Will's roommate. His fondness for Will is so evident as to cause Colette some concern.

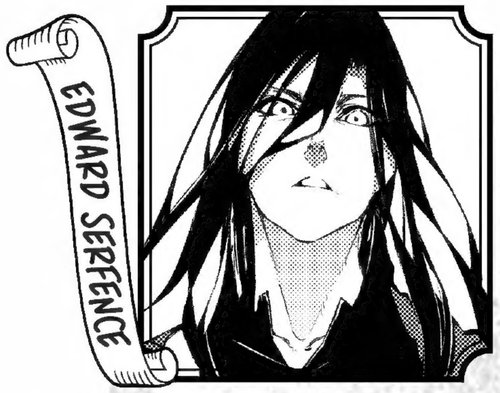


WIGNALL LINDOR

A sixth-year at Regarden Magical Academy. His mastery of wind and illusion magic has made him one of the top three students in his year. He transferred from Alfswood, and in keeping with the customs of his elven race, he avoids physical contact with anyone deemed unworthy.

WORKNER NORGRAM

A professor at Regarden Magical Academy. He has developed a friendship with Will and often gives him advice. As one of the few people who understands Will, he keeps a watchful eye over him.

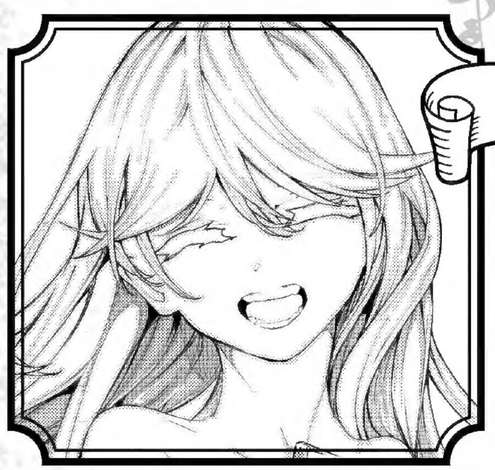


EDWARD SERPENCE

A professor at Regarden Magical Academy and former Ascendant, the closest one can come to becoming a Magia Vander. A spiteful, devious man, he is feared by the students.

WILL SERFORT

A sixth-year at Regarden Magical Academy. In a world where magic reigns supreme, he is a no-talent incapable of casting a single spell, as well as a warrior with outstanding close-quarters combat abilities. He strives to advance to the Tower in order to fulfill a promise he made to Elfaria when they were very young.



ELFARIA ALBIS SERFORT

A girl of uncommon brilliance who became the youngest Magia Vander in history. She grew up in the same orphanage as Will, whom she now watches over from her window in the Tower. According to her aide, she is an irresponsible Magia Vander who likes to play the saint.

SION ULSTER

A sixth-year at Regarden Magical Academy and the heir to House Ulster, a renowned line of fire mages. As Will's greatest rival, he constantly makes Colette sigh with his unconcealed antipathy. After a recent display of explosive growth, he is close to becoming one of the top three students in the school.

COLETTE LOIRE

A sixth-year at Regarden Magical Academy. She became friends with Will after a certain incident in their first year. An earth mage, she worries about Will's lack of credits and does her best to support him.

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DO YOU KNOW WHAT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT SPELL IN THE DUNGEON, WILL?

IS IT AN ATTACK SPELL?

OR A DEFENSE SPELL?

SKRRK ビッ

NEITHER.

IT'S THE ROOT OF ALL FUNDAMENTALS.
ANY MAGE WHO HOPES TO MAKE IT OUT ALIVE FROM A DEN OF MONSTERS LIKE THE DUNGEON WOULD DO WELL TO KNOW SEARCH.
THE MOST IMPORTANT SPELL IS SEARCH.
IT'S A COMMON SPELL USED TO DETECT ENEMIES AND ANOMALIES.

OUT OF MY WAY, FLUNKEE!
THEY'RE TAKING ON A WHOLE MOB!

THEY'RE TAKING OUT THOSE MONSTERS BEFORE I CAN EVEN ENGAGE!
NO, IT'S NOT THAT... THE OTHERS' SEARCH SPELL JUST HAS A WIDER RANGE THAN MY OWN SENSES!
I CAN'T SPOT OUR ENEMIES FAST ENOUGH!
WILL! BEHIND YOU!

ZEPHROS CLAW.

H-HE GOT THEM ALL...
...WITH ONE SPELL...
YOU'RE MORE DEAD WEIGHT THAN I EXPECTED. YOU'RE NOT EVEN A DECENT SHIELD.
NOW I'M STARTING TO DOUBT YOUR JUDGMENT, LIHANNA.

I'M SURE HE'S VERY STRONG...

PROB-ABLY.

SO IT'S ALL RIGHT IF HE'S DEAD WEIGHT FOR NOW...

PROB-ABLY.

WE'LL SEE WHAT HE'S CAPABLE OF ONCE WE FIND AN OVER-FIVE ENEMY...

PROB-ABLY.

PROBABLY

PROBABLY

PROBABLY

...HE SIMPLY HASN'T HAD ***TIME*** TO BE A SHIELD YET.

*WHEN A MONSTER IS DEFEATED, IT LEAVES MAGICAL **TRACES** THAT A MAGE CAN ABSORB INTO HIS WAND.*

THIS WAY, THE WAND STORES A RECORD OF THE BATTLE...

...WHICH ALLOWS THE SCHOOL TO KEEP TRACK OF WHICH MONSTERS STUDENTS HAVE DEFEATED, AS WELL AS HOW MANY CREDITS THEY'VE EARNED.

SEE? I ***TOLD*** YOU BRINGING A GUY WHO CAN'T EVEN USE ***SEARCH*** WOULD ONLY SLOW US DOWN.

WILL CAN'T COLLECT TRACES... IF HE DOESN'T BRING BACK MONSTER PARTS, HE WON'T GET ANY CREDITS!

He did take one of them down!

WAIT A MINUTE! WE'RE STILL PICKING UP ITEM DROPS!

THOSE WILL HARDLY BE WORTH ANYTHING. WHAT'S THE POINT IN CARRYING THEM BACK WITH US?

...

FWSH

WSH

WSH

WSH

WSH

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WSH

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SHOOZK

...WHICH MEANS A NO-TALENT LIKE ME IS BOUND TO GET ON PEOPLE'S NERVES... SEEING AS I HAVE TO PICK UP EVERY SINGLE MONSTER'S REMAINS AND ALL...

...YOU'RE IN A PARTY NOW, FLUNKEE. YOU COULD AT LEAST *TRY* TO BE LESS PATHETIC.

THAT'S THE IDEA, ANYWAY...

...but all I can do is stand here!

AT THIS RATE, I'LL SPEND THE ENTIRE PRAXIS JUST CARRYING OUR BAGS...
I KNEW IT WOULD BE HARD...BUT THEY'RE ALL SO GOOD, THERE'S NO CHANCE FOR ME TO STEP UP!
I'D SAY IT'S TIME WE TAKE A REST.
IT'S BEEN A WHOLE DAY SINCE THE PRAXIS STARTED...
Current Floor: 8th

NARDREA.

RIGHT HERE, IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DUNGEON?

I'M NOT EXPECTING A HIGH-CLASS INN, BUT I WOULD LIKE *A LITTLE* SENSE OF SECURITY.

THEN LET ME BUILD US A *FORTRESS OF FLAMES.*

BWOOM

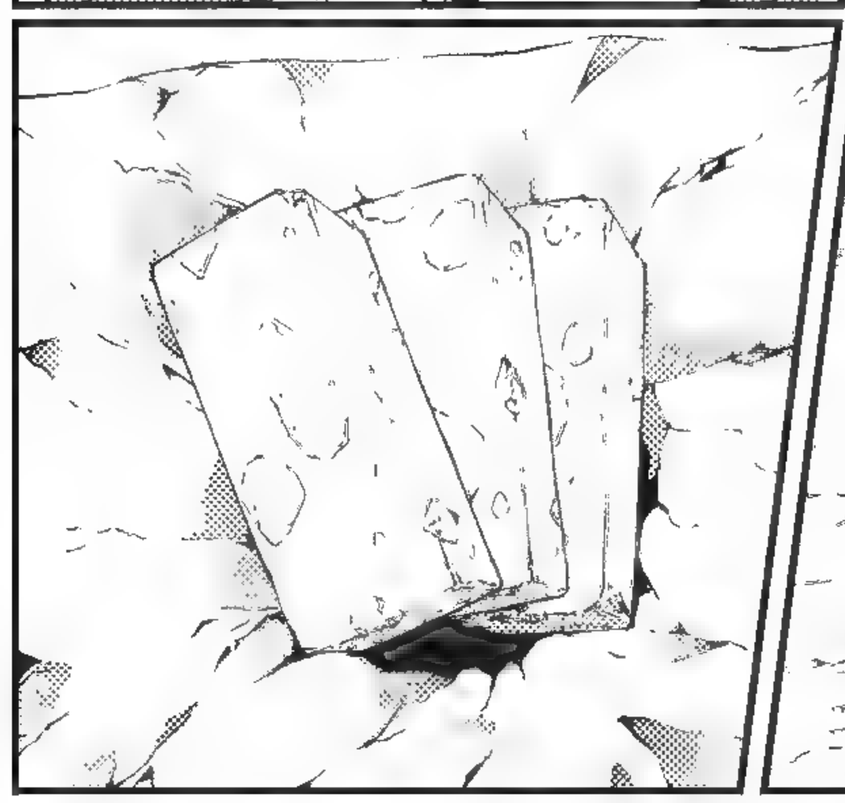
BWOOM

STILL, IT LOOKS LIKE SEEING A FLAME BARRIER POP OUT OF NOWHERE PUT THE MONSTERS OFF... THEY'RE KEEPING THEIR DISTANCE.

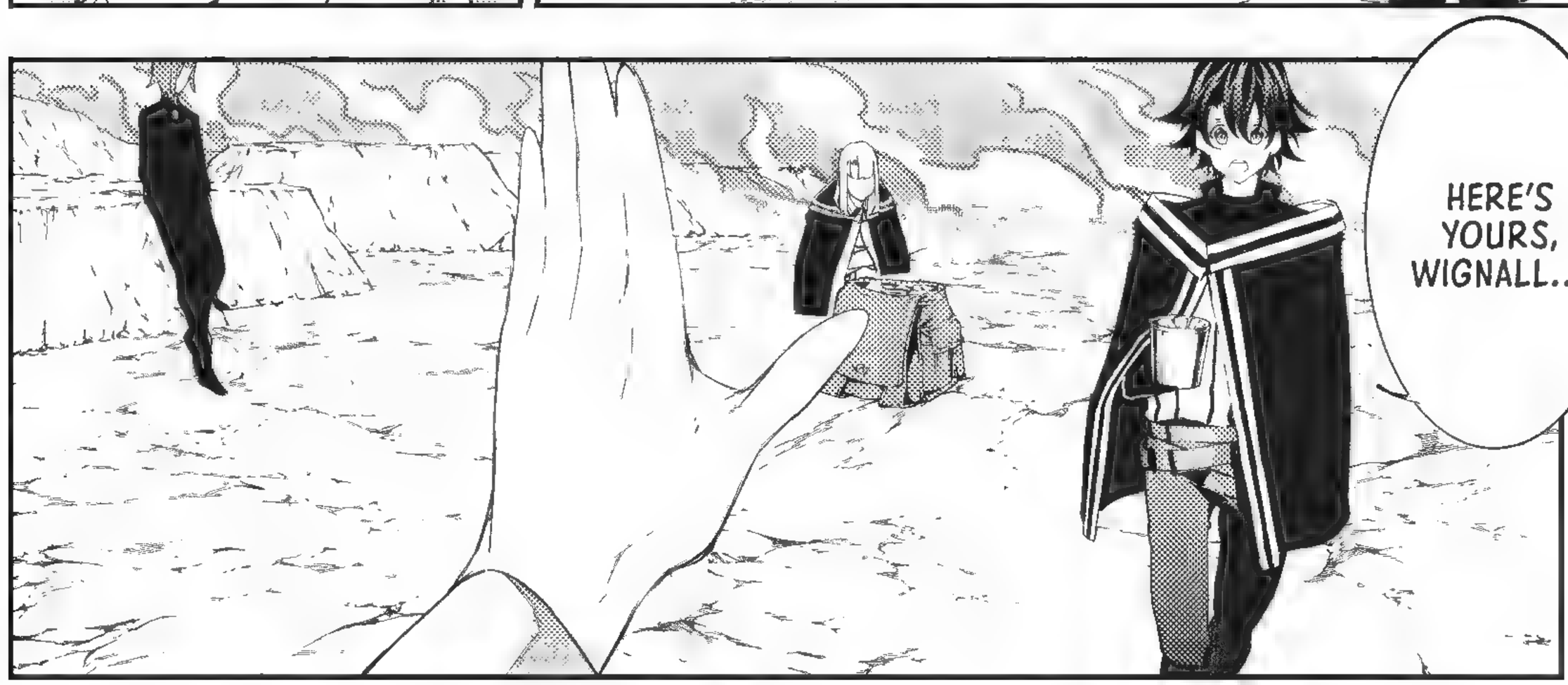
GRRR

YEAH, I THINK SO. THE FLAMES AREN'T REALLY THERE...

WOW... IS THIS ELVEN ILLUSION MAGIC?



UH, RIGHT.
SERFORT, PASS OUT THE RATIONS I GAVE YOU.


HERE'S YOURS, WIGNALL...

THAT'S CLOSE ENOUGH. JUST PUT IT ON THE GROUND.
HUH?

I DON'T WANT TO TOUCH YOU BY ACCIDENT.

ELVES ONLY MAKE PHYSICAL CONTACT WITH PEOPLE THEY DEEM WORTHY.

YOU'RE MAGES. I'M AN ELF. PLEASE, JUST DROP IT.

WHA—HEY! I KNOW ELVES ARE SQUEAMISH ABOUT WHAT THEY TOUCH, BUT WE'RE ALL IN THE SAME PARTY! THAT'S NO WAY TO TALK TO HIM!

THE ONLY MEMBER OF THIS PARTY THAT I'VE DEEMED WORTHY IS LIHANNA.

...LET'S NOT FIGHT, COLETTE.

...IS NONE OTHER THAN THE ELVEN PRINCESS.

EVEN ONE OF THE MAGIA VANDER...

LET'S GO OVER THE PLAN.

IT'S THE ONLY ONE OF ITS KIND, ***AND*** IT'S THE FLOOR KEEPER FOR THE 10TH FLOOR.

OUR NUMBER ONE PRIORITY IS TO DEFEAT THE ***LUMINOUS NABERUS.***

THAT'S THE MOST CREDITS YOU CAN GET FOR A SINGLE MONSTER IN A PRAXIS!

IT'S WORTH 110 CREDITS!

I'M SURE IT'LL BE THE TOUGHEST BOSS IN THE WHOLE PRAXIS.

I'VE HEARD IT'S NOT UNCOMMON FOR SOMEONE TO GET KILLED TAKING ON THE NABERUS...

I WANT TO SHOW THE TOWER THAT WE'RE STRONG ENOUGH TO DEFEAT A 110-CREDIT MONSTER.

YOU MIGHT SAY THAT I MADE THIS PARTY JUST TO TAKE DOWN THE NABERUS.

I'VE ALREADY STARTED DOWN THIS PATH. I DON'T INTEND TO TURN BACK HALFWAY.

BUT...

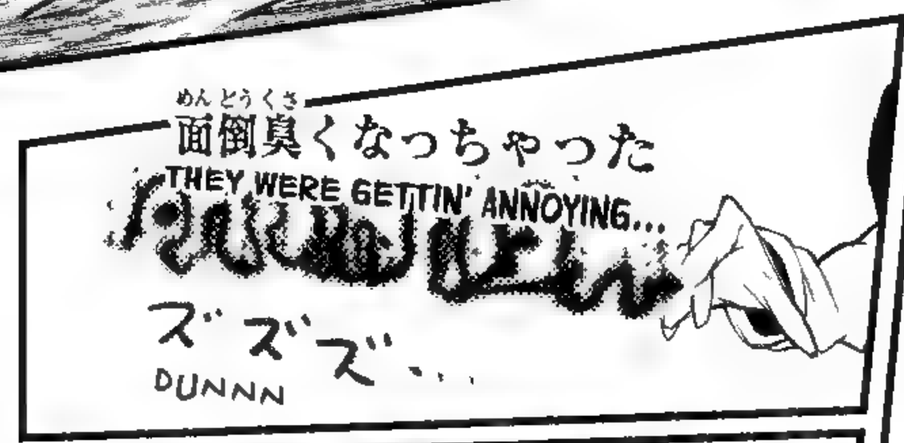
...IS IT ALL RIGHT TO SKIP THE APPETIZERS AND JUMP STRAIGHT TO THE MAIN COURSE?

I WANT TO SAVE OUR MAGIC SO WE'RE IN THE BEST SHAPE POSSIBLE WHEN WE FACE THE NABERUS. WE CAN LEAVE THE OTHER MONSTERS FOR LATER.

IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS, THEN LET'S TAKE THE SHORTEST ROUTE TO THE TENTH FLOOR.

HEY. WHAT ARE YOU DOING...

...HEADLESS?



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『地獄』を贈ってきたよ
...SO I GAVE 'EM HELL.

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DUNNN

LEER

HEH HEH HEH.

Dungeon, 10th Floor

...WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

I KEEP SEEING DEAD MONSTERS EVERYWHERE...

THERE'S NO SIGNS OF MAGIC HERE...

WILL? WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

THEY WERE TORN APART BY BRUTE FORCE.

CLACK

CLACK

CLACK

WHOO

THE CHAMBER WITH THE NABERUS IS JUST UP AHEAD...

OOSH

DON'T TELL ME...

DASH

I'VE NEVER SEEN THE DUNGEON THIS QUIET...

?!
HNGH?!
WHA–

BUT WHO? WHO COULD HAVE DONE THIS?!

SOMEBODY SLAUGHTERED THE FLOOR KEEPER?!

...THERE ARE STILL SOME TRACES FLOATING AROUND.

WHOEVER KILLED IT... DID IT JUST A MOMENT AGO!

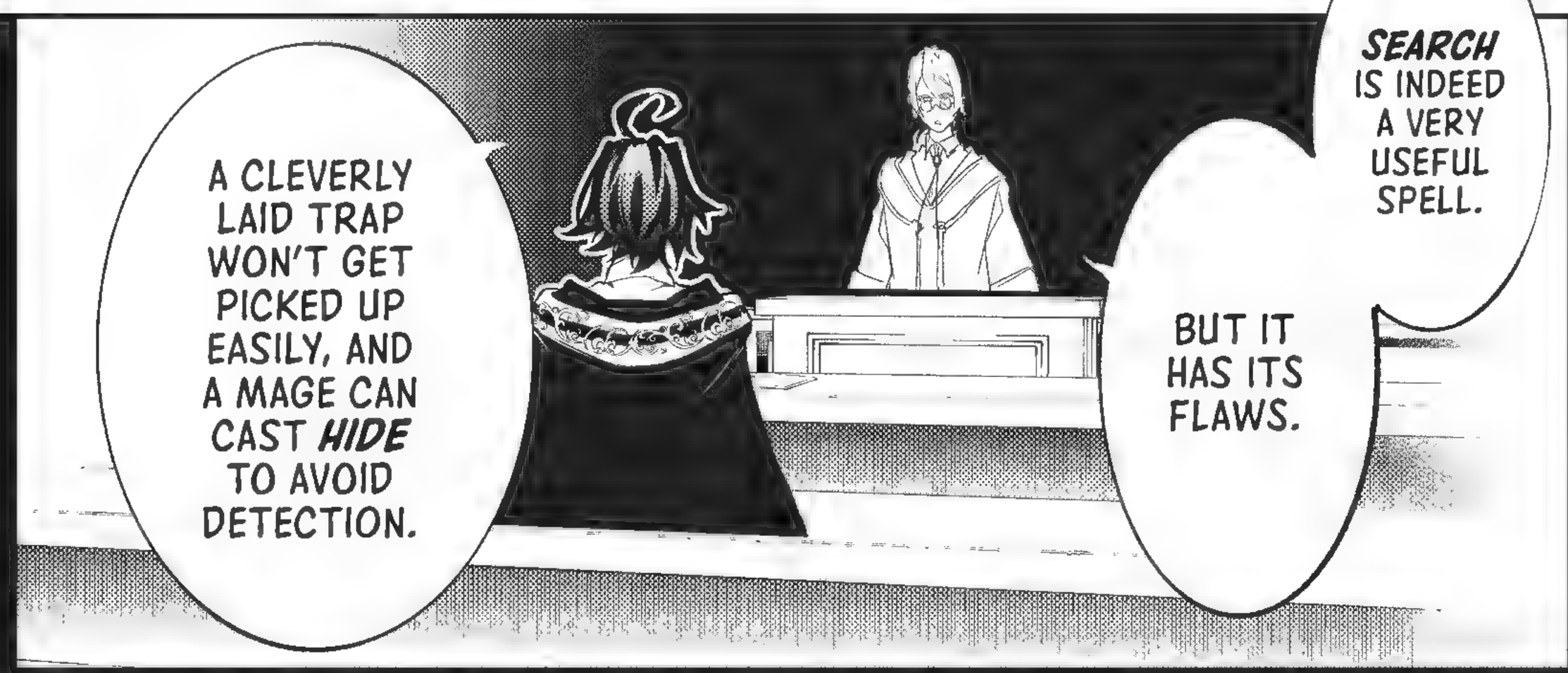
USE *SEARCH!* CHECK THE AREA!

BWOOM

BWOOM

BWOOM

BWOOM


A CLEVERLY LAID TRAP WON'T GET PICKED UP EASILY, AND A MAGE CAN CAST *HIDE* TO AVOID DETECTION.
SEARCH IS INDEED A VERY USEFUL SPELL.
BUT IT HAS ITS FLAWS.

SOME MONSTERS CAN EVEN EVADE *SEARCH.*

PATTER
PATTER
URK

GUYS! ABOVE Y–

GAAAAAAAHH!

WILL?!

SNAP
AGH?!
BOOOOM

GRR!
WIGNALL?!

RUMBLE

WHAT WAS THAT CRASH?!

...?!

WILL!

RUMBLE

RUMBLE

WHOOOSH

BUT THAT MEANS...
WE FELL DOWN FROM THE TENTH FLOOR?!
...WE'RE OUTSIDE...
...ACADEMY TERRITORY!

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YOU ARE A DISGRACE TO YOUR PEOPLE.
THERE IS NO PLACE FOR YOU HERE.

WAIT, ELLENOR!

WAIT...

YOU WON'T BE NEEDING THAT USELESS ARM OF YOURS.

GAAAAAAAAAAAAAHH?!

SHING
?!
HM?
IS THAT...
...THE NO-TALENT'S FAMILIAR?
Mrow!
WH-WHERE...

WE'RE ON THE ELEVENTH FLOOR?!

THAT MONSTER MADE THE FLOOR CAVE IN...

...AND THEN WE FELL TO THE FLOOR UNDER IT!

YEAH. YOU SAW IT, DIDN'T YOU?

KREEK

IT JUST CAN'T!

IT CAN'T BE...

THE ELEVENTH FLOOR ONWARDS IS TOWER TERRITORY! IT'S A DANGER ZONE! ONLY HIGH MAGES COME DOWN HERE!

A VAST REGION THAT EXTENDS ALL THE WAY TO THE FIFTEENTH FLOOR... THE LABYRINTHS AND MONSTERS HERE ARE LIKE NOTHING WE'VE EVER FACED BEFORE!

THE NIGHTMARE'S MAW!

LIHANNA, YOU'RE BLEEDING!

IT'S NOT SERIOUS.

I HIT A ROCK WHEN WE FELL, IS ALL...

JOLT

THERE'S NO ONE ELSE AROUND... GETTING SPLIT UP ON THE ELEVENTH FLOOR COULD BE A DEATH SENTENCE.

IF WE DON'T FIND THE OTHERS QUICKLY, THE DUNGEON WILL EAT US ALIVE.

...INCLUDING SERFORT.

I MEAN OUR ENTIRE PARTY...

WILL...!

HUFF

HUFF

WIGNALL, ARE YOU OKAY?!

SST

...BUT I CAN DO SOME FIRST AID N–

I'M SORRY I HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO PATCH YOU UP! I HAD TO DEAL WITH SOME MONSTERS...

SLAP

DON'T TOUCH ME!

HUFF

I'M AN ELF...

HUFF

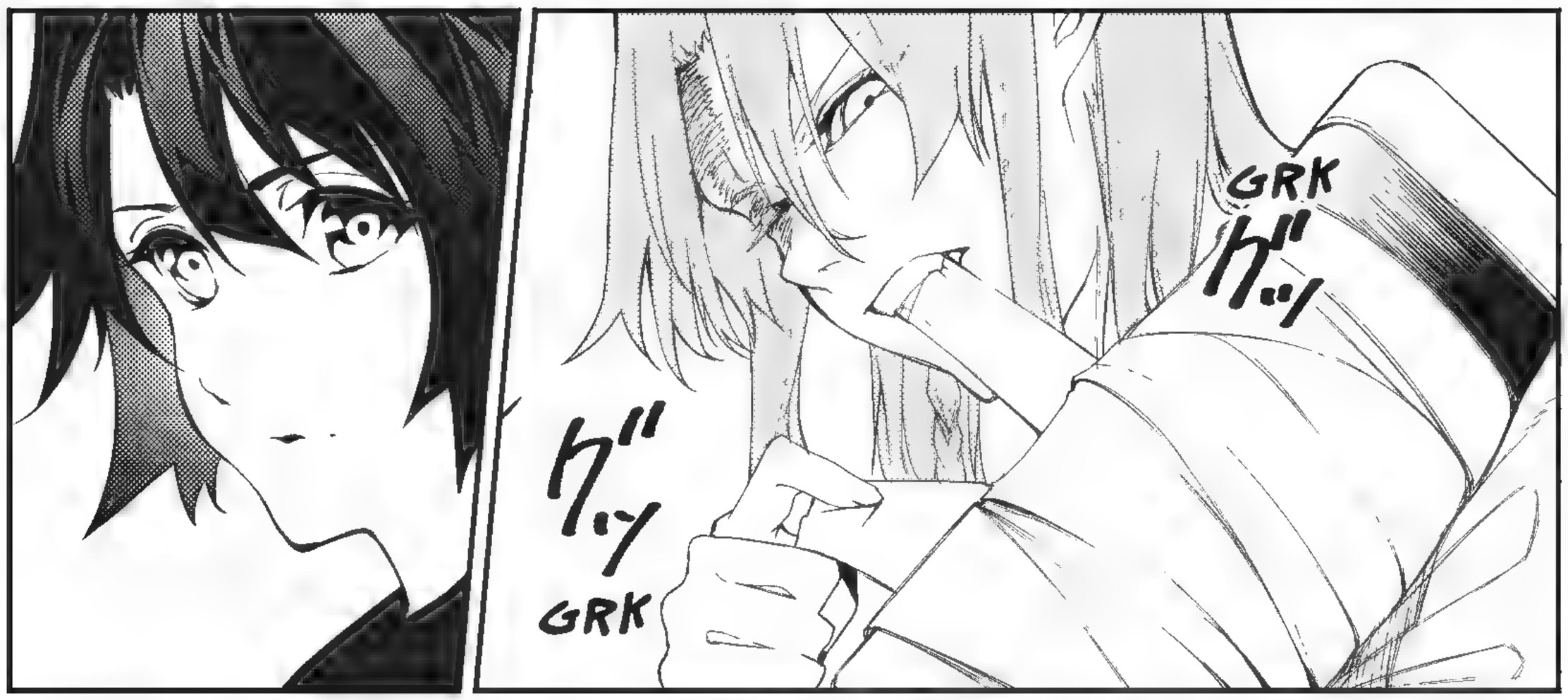
KEEP YOUR HANDS OFF ME, NO-TALENT!

!

CLENCH

PLEASE, LET ME TREAT YOUR ARM.

I DON'T CARE IF YOU HATE ME FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE, OR IF YOU TRY TO KILL ME SOMEDAY. I CAN'T JUST LEAVE YOU LIKE THAT.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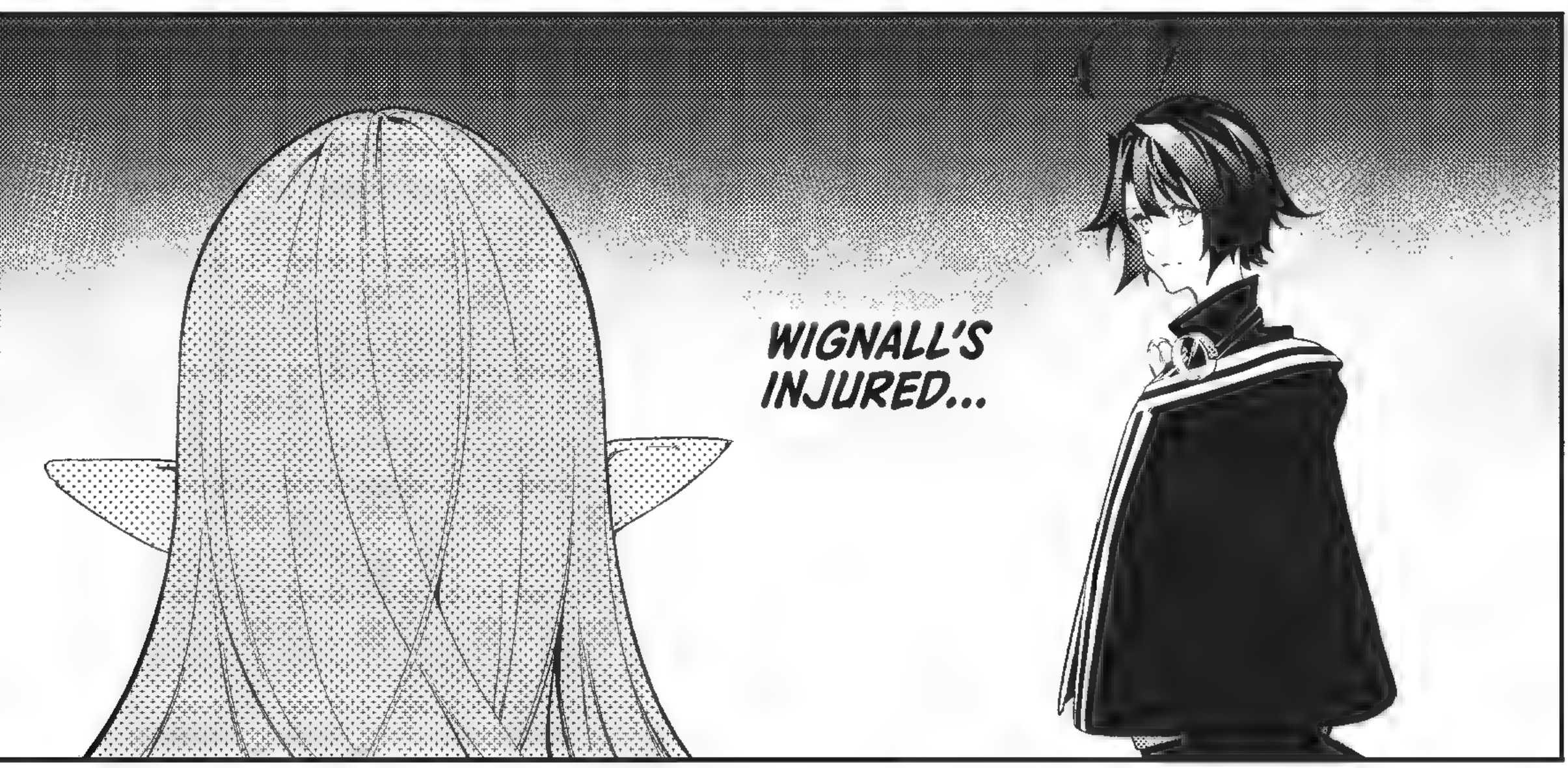
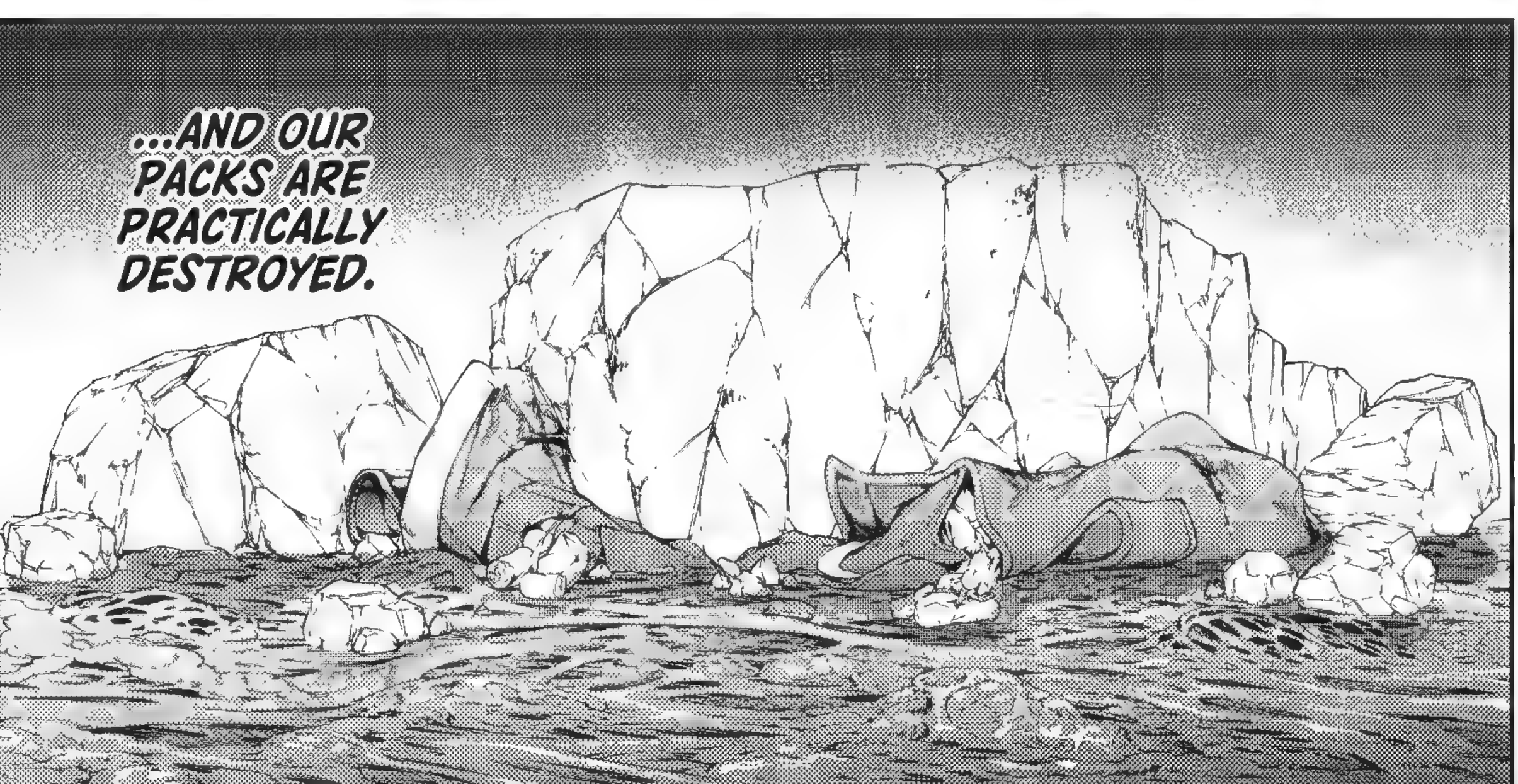
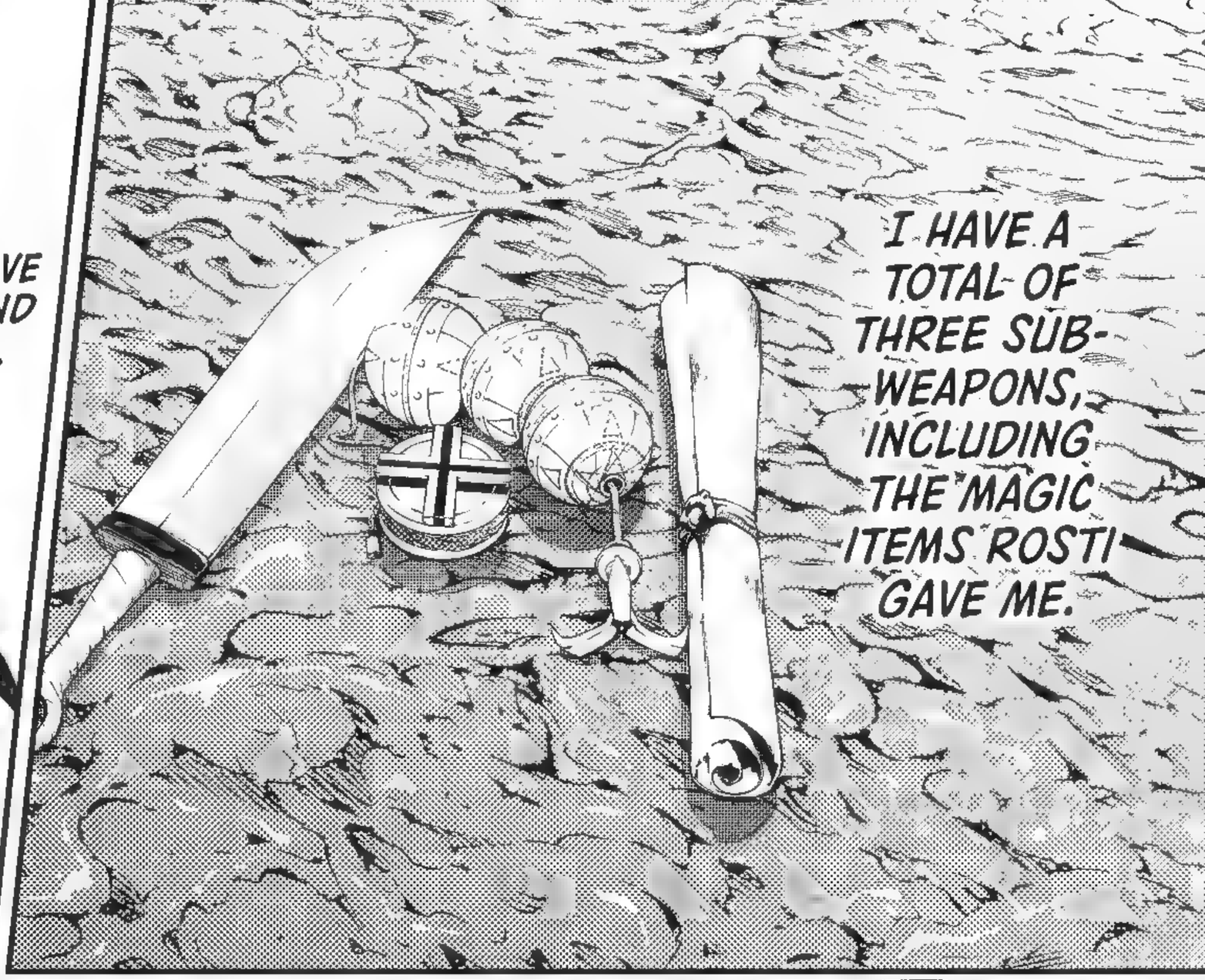
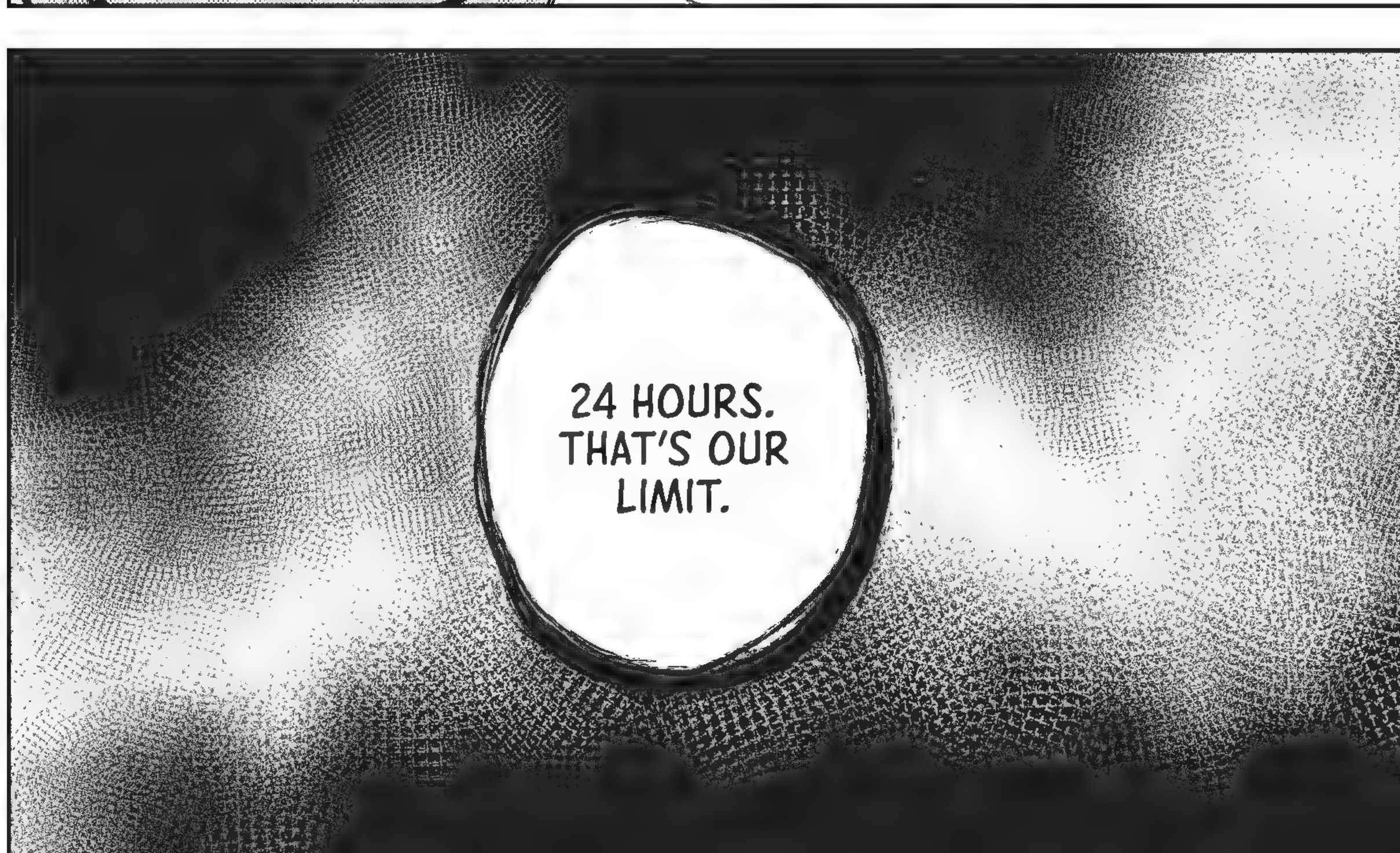

WIGNALL'S INJURED...


...AND OUR PACKS ARE PRACTICALLY DESTROYED.

COLETTE AND THE OTHERS SHOULD EACH HAVE THEIR OWN WAIST PACK, SO WE CAN MAKE IT FOR AT LEAST TWO DAYS...
WE STILL HAVE FOOD AND WATER.


I HAVE A TOTAL OF THREE SUB-WEAPONS, INCLUDING THE MAGIC ITEMS ROSTI GAVE ME.

...I'D SAY WE HAVE A DAY, AT MOST.
...WAIT, NO. WE'RE ON THE ELEVENTH FLOOR. UNDER EXTREME CONDITIONS LIKE THESE...


24 HOURS. THAT'S OUR LIMIT.

WIGNALL...

...I THINK OUR TOP PRIORITY SHOULD BE TO FIND COLETTE AND THE OTHERS, BUT THAT'LL MEAN WANDERING AROUND THE LABYRINTH. ARE YOU UP FOR IT?

...WHEN PEOPLE GET STRANDED IN THE DUNGEON, THE PROTOCOL IS TO WAIT FOR RESCUE.

BESIDES...

THAT'S HOW THINGS WORK AROUND HERE, IF YOU ASK ME.

IF YOU DO NOTHING, YOU DIE.

...AS LONG AS THAT MONSTER IS ON THE TENTH FLOOR, IT'LL TAKE TIME FOR ANYONE TO REACH US HERE.

WHIRRR

MASER! GET ME THE EIGHTH FLOOR!

ROO

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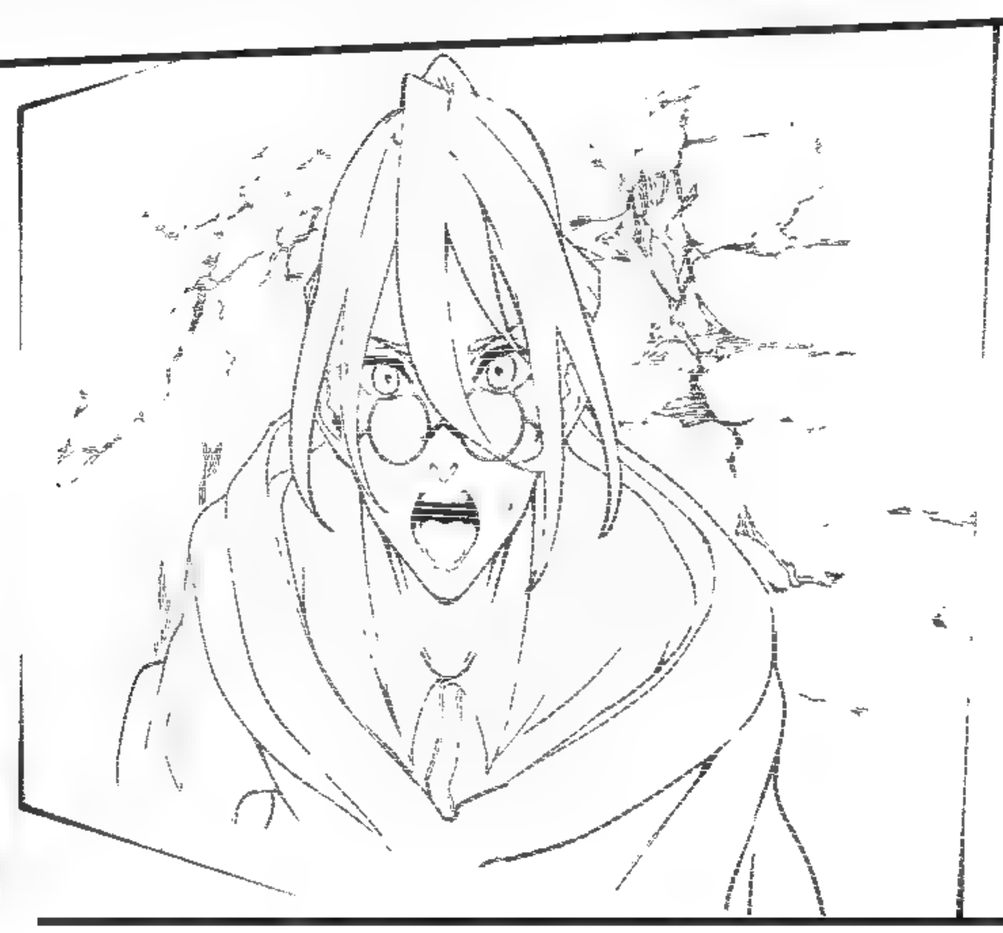
OAR

WHAT'S GOING ON DOWN THERE, PROFESSOR ELIZA?!



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IT'S A STAMPEDE, WORKNER.

LEVELED?! WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER FACULTY?!

THE BASE CAMP WAS LEVELED BY A HORDE OF RAMPAGING MONSTERS.

...

SOMETHING RIPPED THEIR HEADS OFF.

THEY'RE DEAD.

I HAVEN'T HEARD FROM THE NINTH FLOOR OR BELOW, BUT I STRONGLY SUSPECT THAT THINGS ARE JUST AS BAD THERE.

AND ALL OUR MASERS HAVE BEEN CRUSHED... ALL EXCEPT FOR THE ONE I'M HOLDING RIGHT NOW.

WHAT?!

THIS CAN'T BE A COINCIDENCE! IS THIS SOME KIND OF SICK PLOT?! WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOING ON?!

A MONSTER STAMPEDE AND ACADEMY PROFESSORS MURDERED?

WORKNER! THE ALL-STUDENT PRAXIS IS CANCELED!
PROFESSOR EDWARD!
ALL THIS CHAOS IS PUTTING THE STUDENTS IN DANGER, *AND* WE'RE SHORT ON STAFF! WE'RE GOING TO HELP!

O-OKAY!

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HUFF
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BWOOM

WIGNALL... YOU SHOULD TRY NOT TO USE *SEARCH* TOO MUCH.
I KNOW IT'S A COMMON SPELL, BUT IF YOU ABUSE IT, YOU'LL USE UP ALL YOUR MAGIC. RIGHT NOW, YOU SHOULD SAVE Y–
...
WHAT IF THERE'S ANOTHER SURPRISE ATTACK LIKE BEFORE?!
SHUT UP!

WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF A DANGER ZONE! *ANYTHING* COULD HAPPEN, AND YOU JUST WANT TO SIT HERE AND WAIT UNTIL WE–

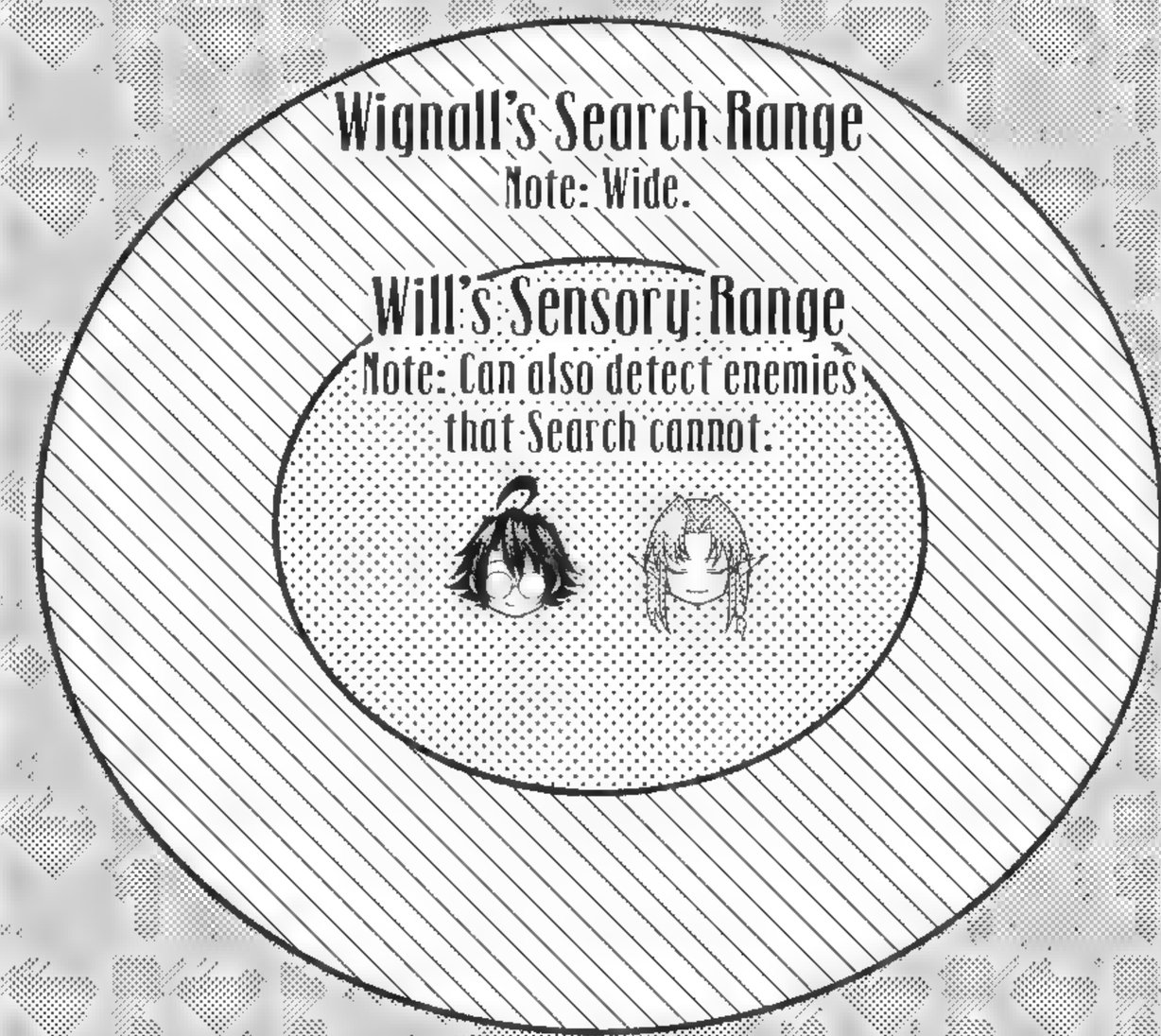
THIS IS THE ELEVENTH FLOOR!

TIME DOESN'T MATTER WITH *SEARCH.* WHAT MATTERS IS DISTANCE.

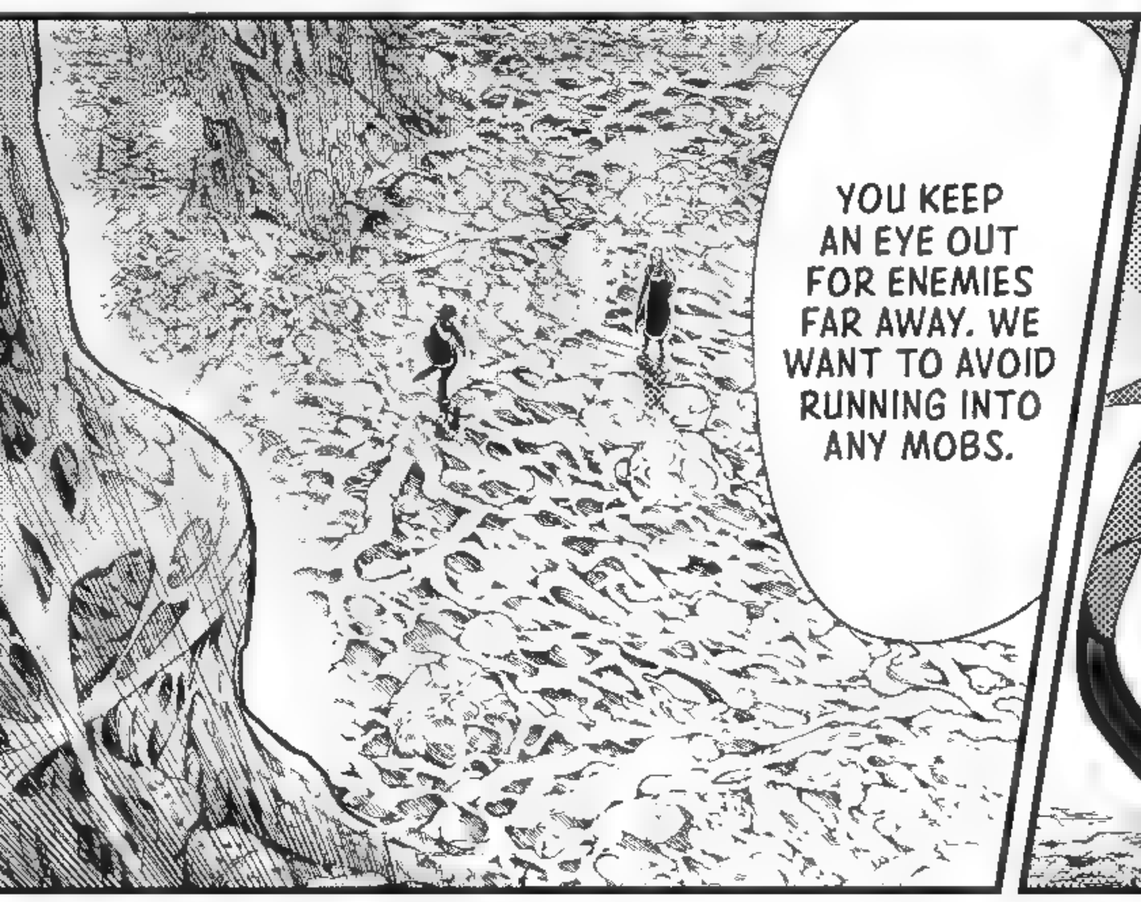
OF COURSE, IT DEPENDS ON YOUR SEARCH RANGE, BUT AT THE VERY LEAST...

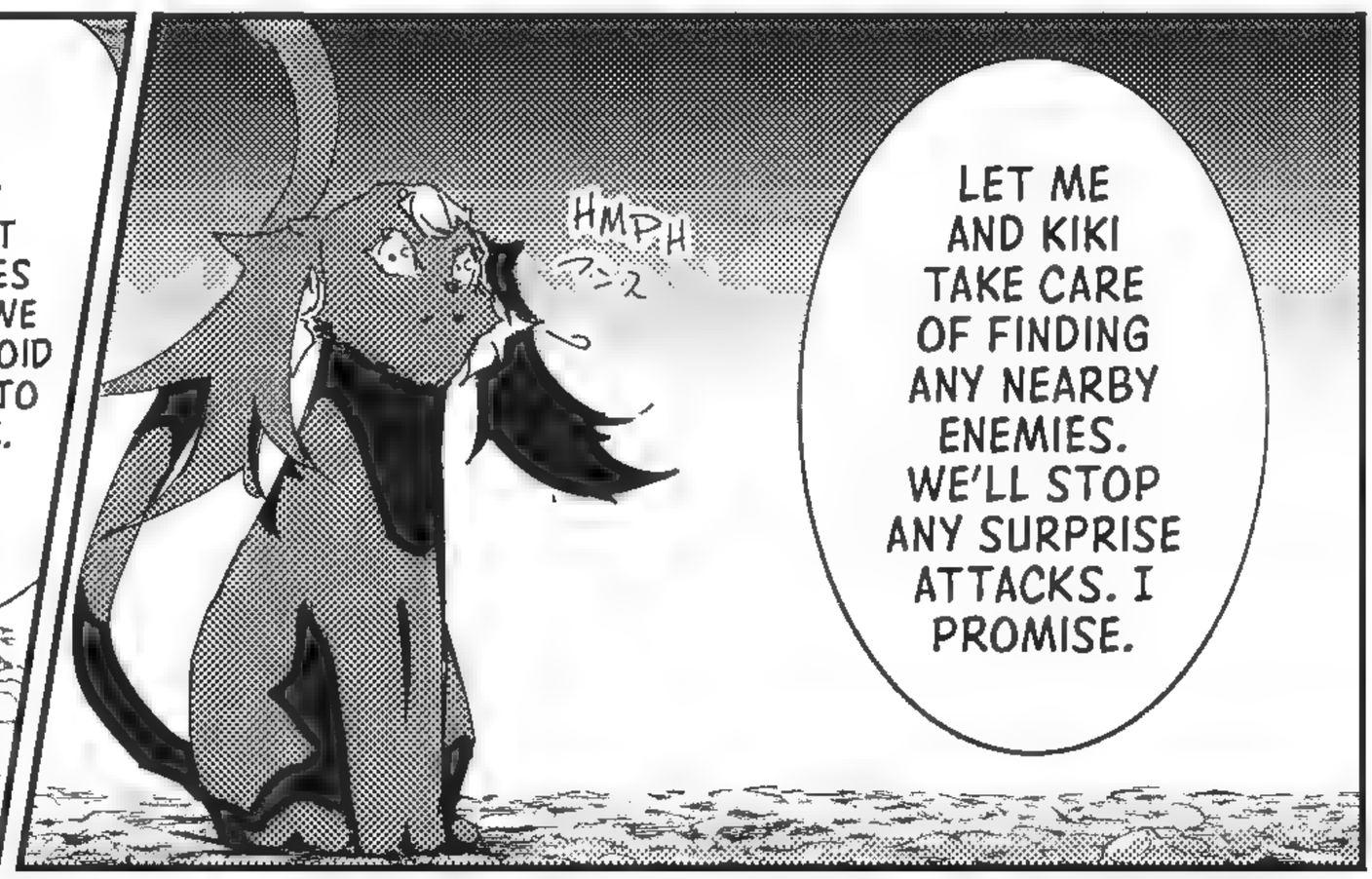
...WE WANT INTERVALS OF 140 *MILLE.*

YOU AND I CAN PICK UP ENEMIES AT DIFFERENT RANGES. WE'LL COVER MORE GROUND IF WE DIVIDE UP THE WORK.



MY STRIDE IS ABOUT 70 **SELLE**. I'LL LET YOU KNOW WHEN WE'VE GONE 200 PACES. DO YOU THINK YOU COULD USE **SEARCH** WHEN I GIVE THE SIGNAL?





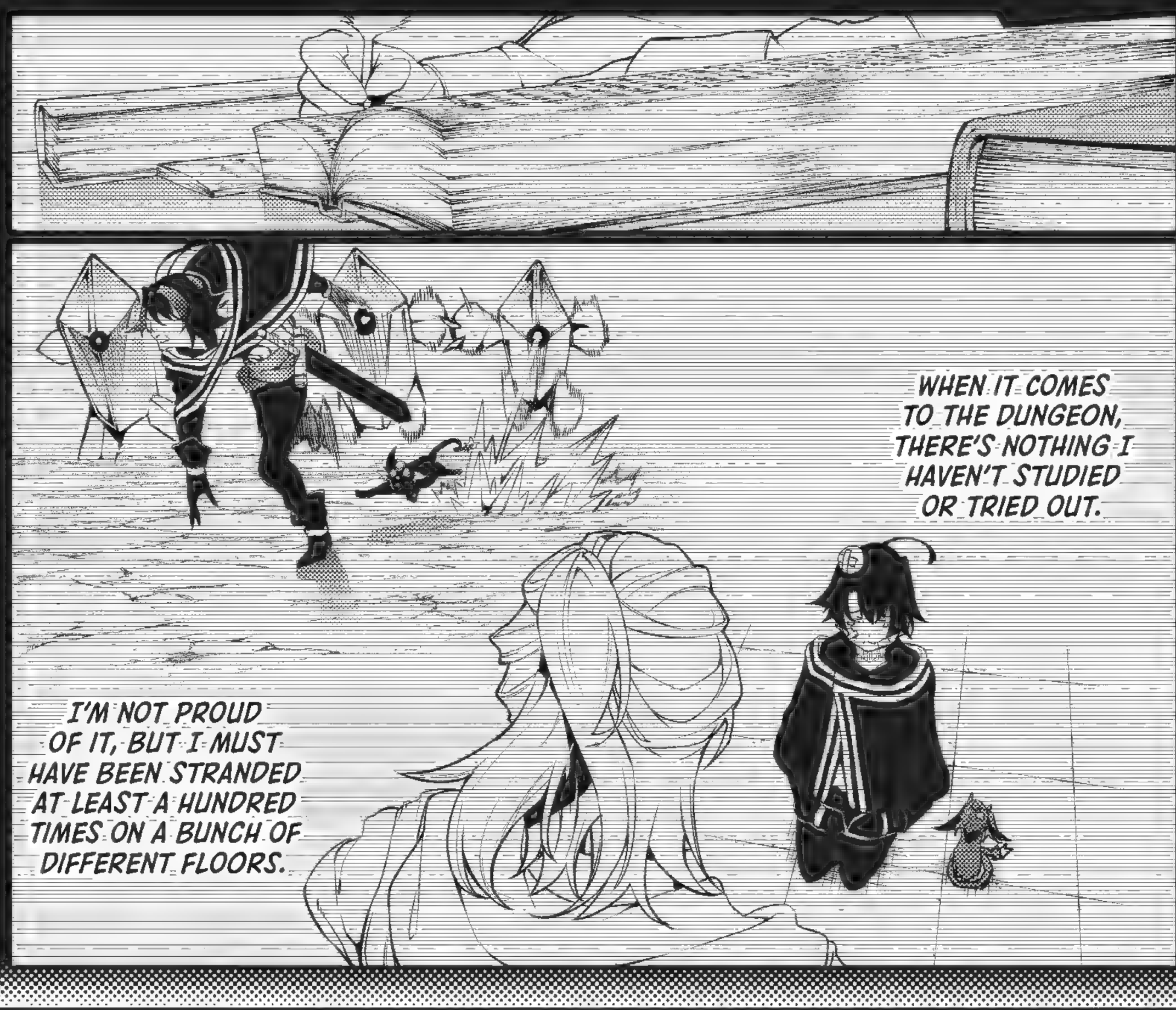
...AT A TIME LIKE *THIS?*

HOW CAN YOU BE SO CALM...

I DON'T UNDER-STAND...

...

IF I WANT TO CLIMB THE TOWER, MY ONLY CHOICE IS TO DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO GET PRAXIS CREDITS.


WHEN IT COMES TO THE DUNGEON, THERE'S NOTHING I HAVEN'T STUDIED OR TRIED OUT.
I'M NOT PROUD OF IT, BUT I MUST HAVE BEEN STRANDED AT LEAST A HUNDRED TIMES ON A BUNCH OF DIFFERENT FLOORS.

I HAVE MORE EXPERIENCE, SO I SHOULD KNOW A *LITTLE* MORE THAN YOU ABOUT HOW TO DEAL WITH THIS.
THAT'S ALL.
NARROW!

GERGESAS!
WIGNALL, LOOK OUT!
GRR
THUN
GRAAH
GRAAH
FIGHTING'S OUR ONLY CHOICE!
I CAN SENSE MORE MOBS ON THE OTHER PATHS!
Gergesa: 8 credits

I'LL GET THE ONES IN FRONT!
WIGNALL, YOU TAKE THE ONE BEHIND THEM!

PIERCING ARROW...
WHOOSH
...VERDES LANA!

WHUMP

HUFF

HUFF

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ハァ…

GRAAAH

HOW CAN HE FIGHT AGAINST THESE ODDS?
BOOOAR
HOW IS HE MOVING LIKE THAT?

HE'S MANAGED TO TURN PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE INTO WISDOM...

...AND MASTER THE UNKNOWN.

I'M JUST...

DUNNN
OH,
NO...

I'M STILL CASTING MY ATTACK!

I'LL THROW UP A SMOKESCREEN TO BUY MYSELF SOME TIME...!

GAH?!

NARDREA!

THESE MONSTERS DON'T–
WIGNALL, NO!
MY FIRE ILLUSION DIDN'T FAZE IT?! IT'S HEADED STRAIGHT FOR ME!

AAAAAAGH
RAAA
AAAH
ガチャン!
CLANG

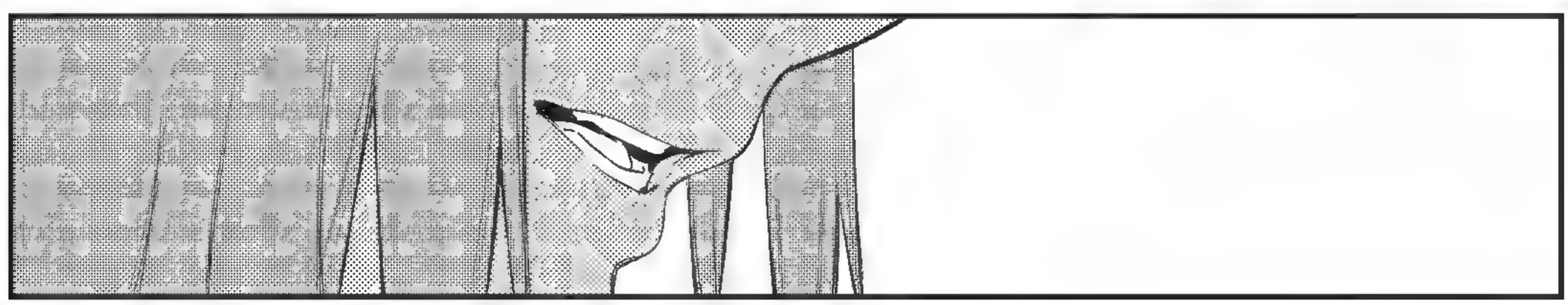
THUD
GRAAAH

KA-
SHING
WHUMP

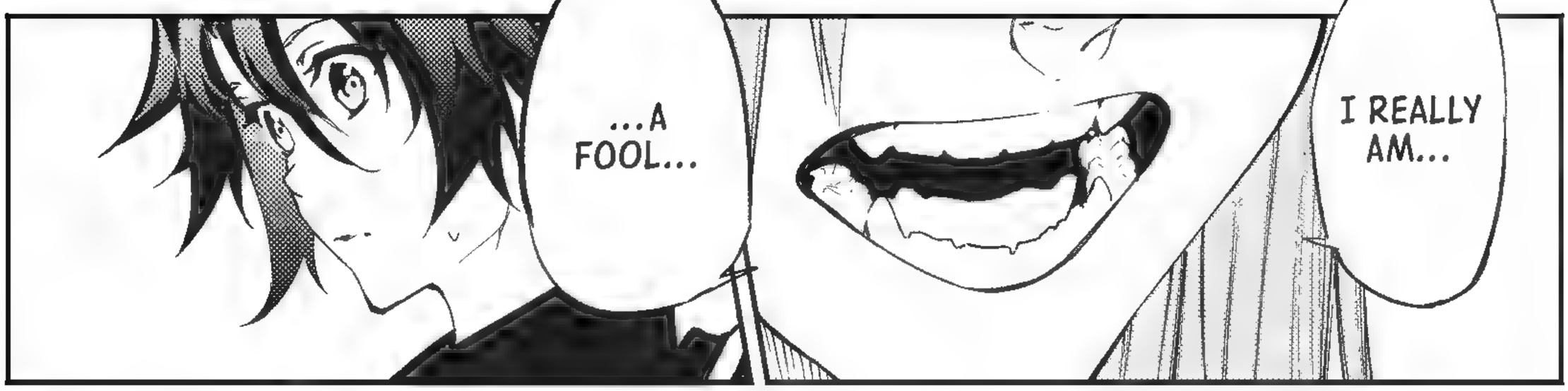
GERGESAS DON'T HAVE EYES, SO THEY MAKE UP FOR IT WITH AN ABNORMALLY GOOD SENSE OF SMELL.

ILLUSIONS WON'T WORK ON THEM...

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!



HEH... HA HA HA...


...A FOOL...
I REALLY AM...

NO... YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND...
YOU'LL GET 'EM NEXT–
FORGET IT. YOU'RE A TALENTED ELFMAGE.
SST

I'M *NOT* TALENTED...
...HUH?

I'M...A FAILURE.

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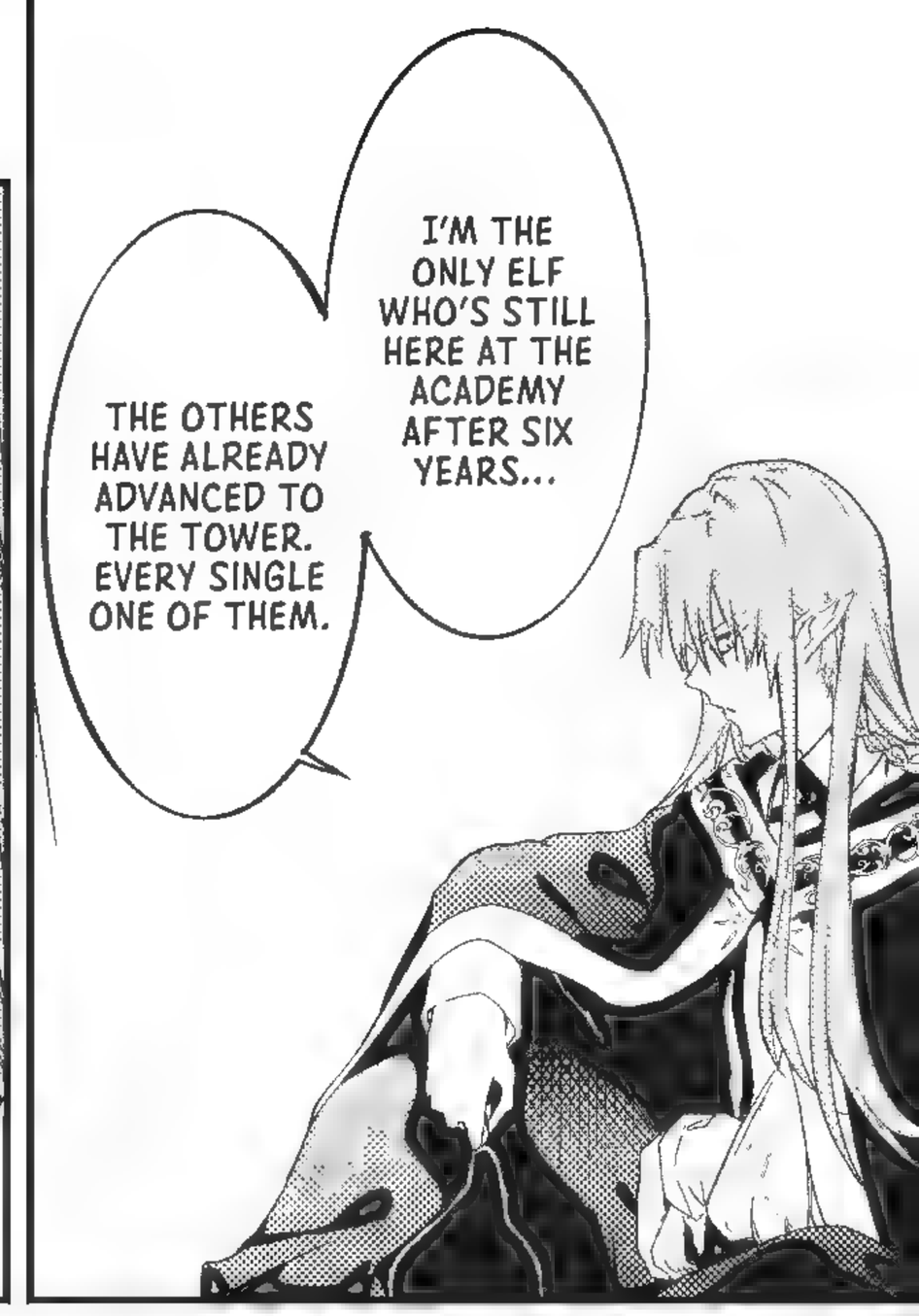
...THAT YOU'RE TALENTLESS. THAT YOU'RE A DISGRACE.
IMAGINE BEING TOLD BY YOUR OWN PEOPLE...


THE OTHERS HAVE ALREADY ADVANCED TO THE TOWER. EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THEM.
I'M THE ONLY ELF WHO'S STILL HERE AT THE ACADEMY AFTER SIX YEARS...

IT'S SUPPOSED TO TURN ILLUSIONS INTO PHYSICAL OBJECTS, LIKE THE ELVES DID AT THE GRAND MAGIC FESTIVAL.
JUST LOOK AT MY ILLUSION MAGIC...

YOU CAN'T ACTUALLY DEFEAT AN ENEMY WITH SMOKE AND MIRRORS...
BUT MY ILLUSIONS *HAVE* NO PHYSICAL FORM...

BUT YOU'RE ONE OF THE TOP THREE STUDENTS IN OUR YEAR! YOU *DO* HAVE SKILL!

IT'S LIKE LIHANNA SAID...

WE'RE *INFERIOR.*

...ALL THE PEOPLE STILL AT THE ACADEMY ARE *LEFTOVERS.*

INFERIOR...?

FOR SIX YEARS, ALL I'VE DONE IS WATCH AS OTHER PEOPLE LEFT ME BEHIND...

WHETHER THEY GET SCOUTED AT THE GRAND MAGIC FESTIVAL OR INVENT A NEW SPELL...PEOPLE WITH ***REAL*** TALENT FIND A WAY TO ADVANCE TO THE TOWER, AND NEVER MIND THE GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS.

YEAH...

WE REALLY ARE THE LEFTOVERS.

...

ONLY AT SCHOOL. I'M JUST A BIG FISH IN A SMALL POND.

WHAT REALLY CONVINCED ME...

MAYBE WE ARE, BUT... BUT *YOU'RE* GOOD, TOO! PEOPLE CALL YOU *MISS PERFECT!*

...ELFARIA ALBIS SERFORT!

THE HALLOWED ICEMAIDEN...

...WAS SEEING A GIRL MY OWN AGE...A FIRST-YEAR STUDENT...

...MAKE IT ALL THE WAY TO THE MAGIA VANDER. *SHE* WAS A *REAL* GENIUS.

WE'RE INFERIOR. WE CAN'T HOLD A CANDLE TO PEOPLE WITH TRUE TALENT.

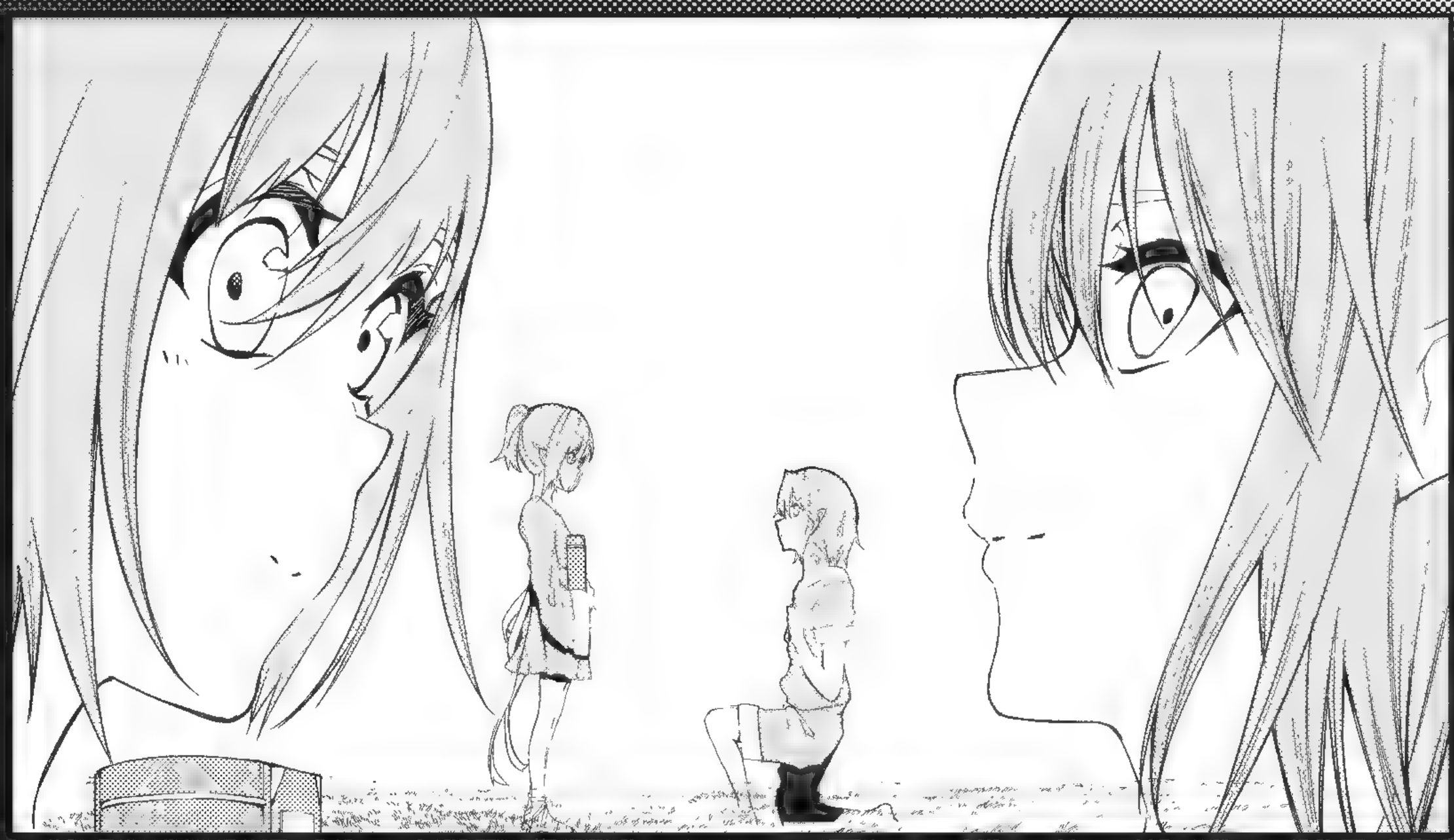
GRK

I THINK... A PART OF ME KNEW THE TRUTH EVER SINCE.

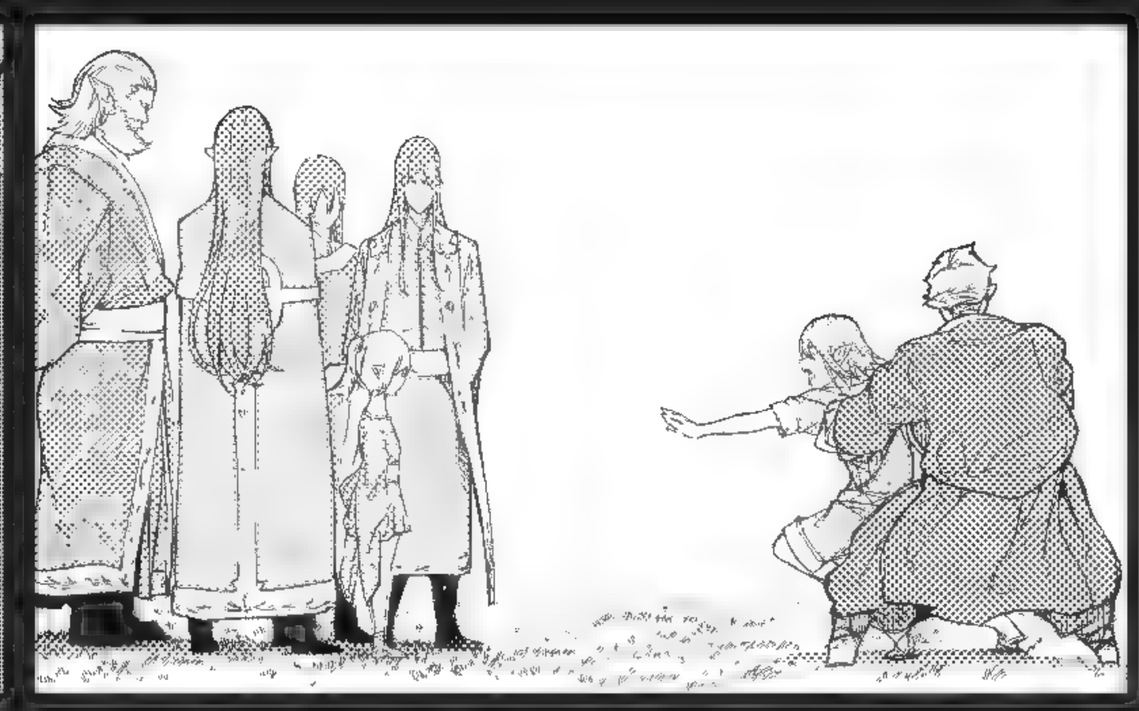
I LEARNED HOW SOUL-CRUSHING IT IS TO BE INFERIOR FROM THE GIRL I GREW UP WITH... MY FOSTER SISTER.

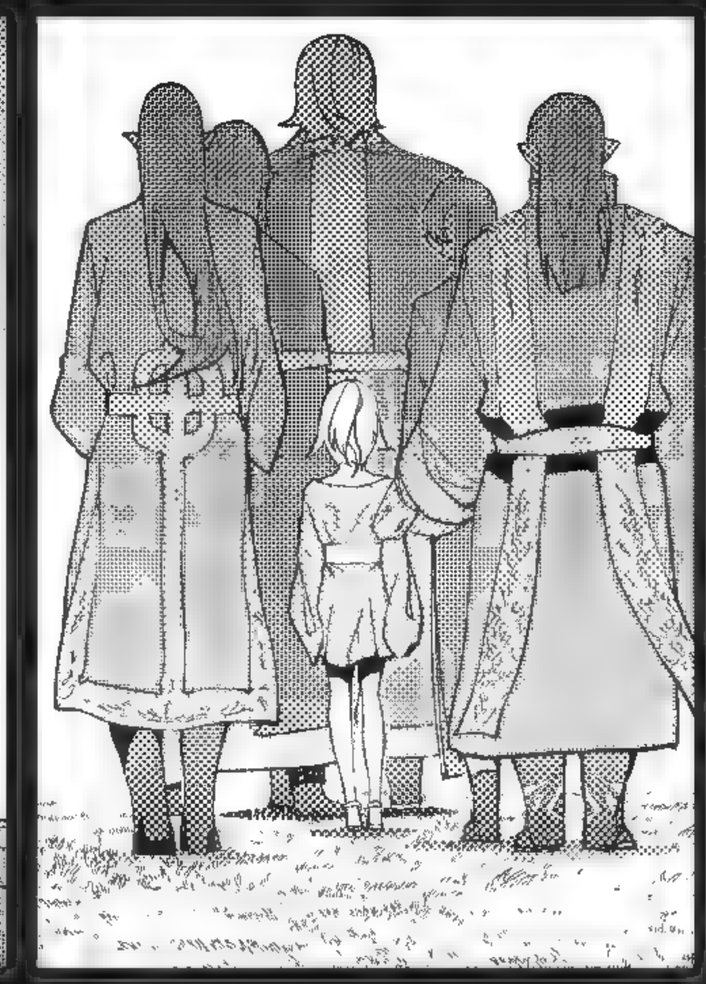
SHE WAS SO SMALL, I THOUGHT I NEEDED TO BE THERE FOR HER ALL THE TIME.

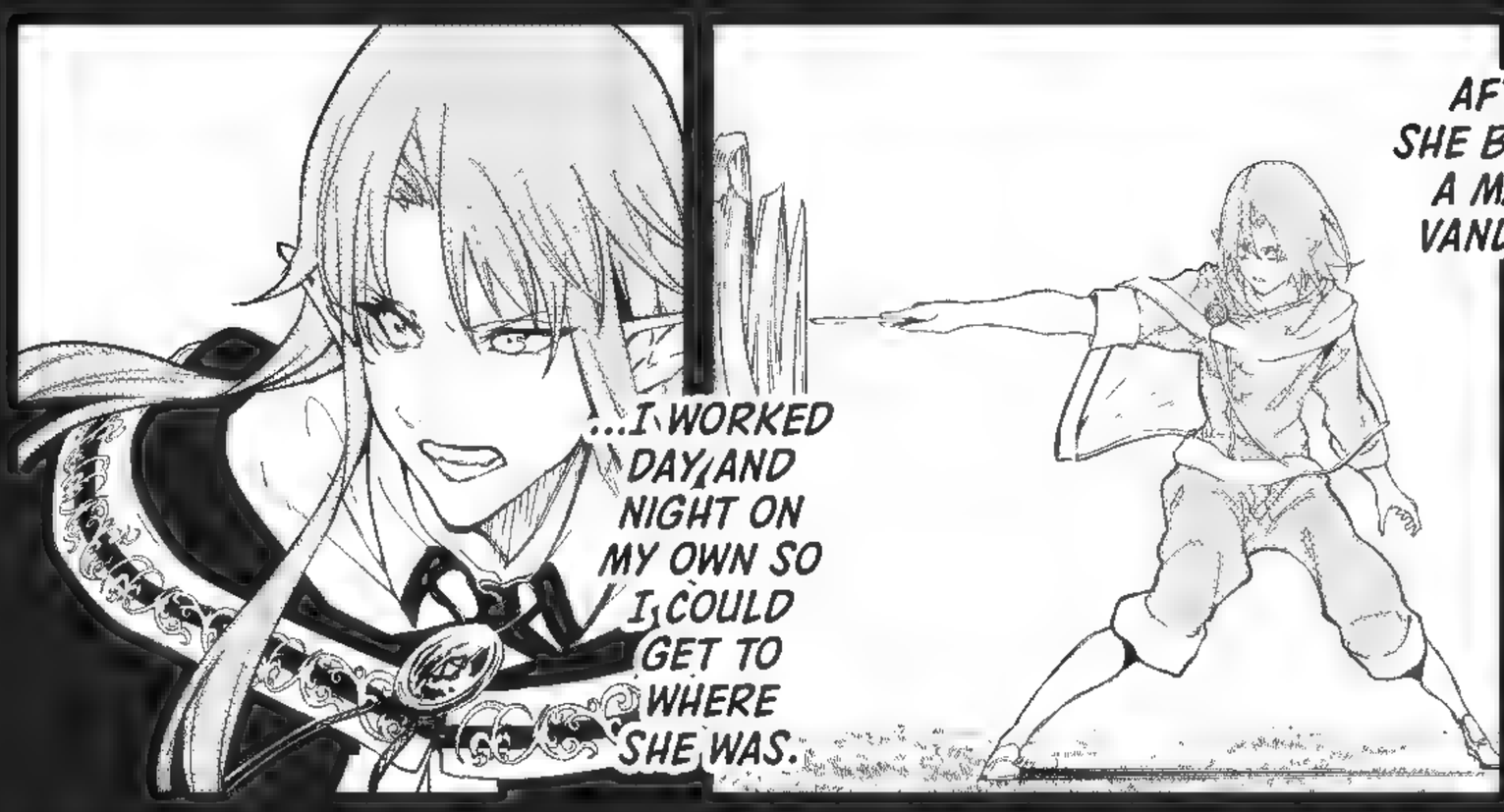
ELLENOR AND I GREW UP TOGETHER. WE WERE VERY CLOSE.



...SHE WAS ONE OF THE MIGHTY HIGH ELVES...
...WITH MAGIC STRONG ENOUGH TO CREATE THE KINGSWOOD.
RUMMMMMMMMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
BUT...



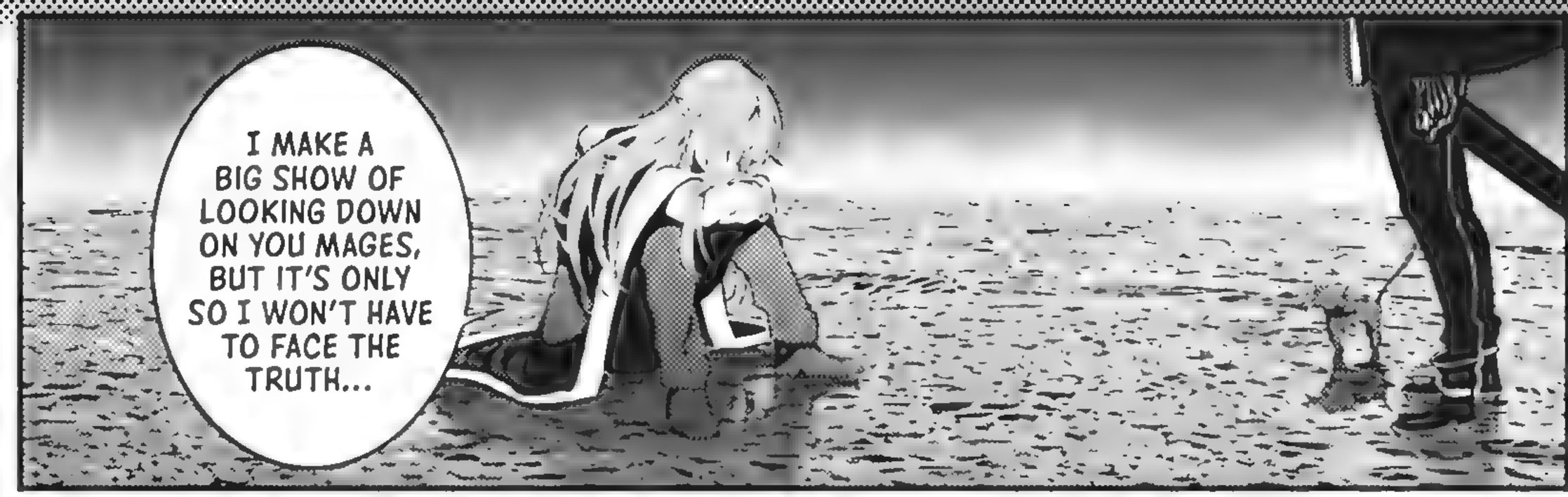


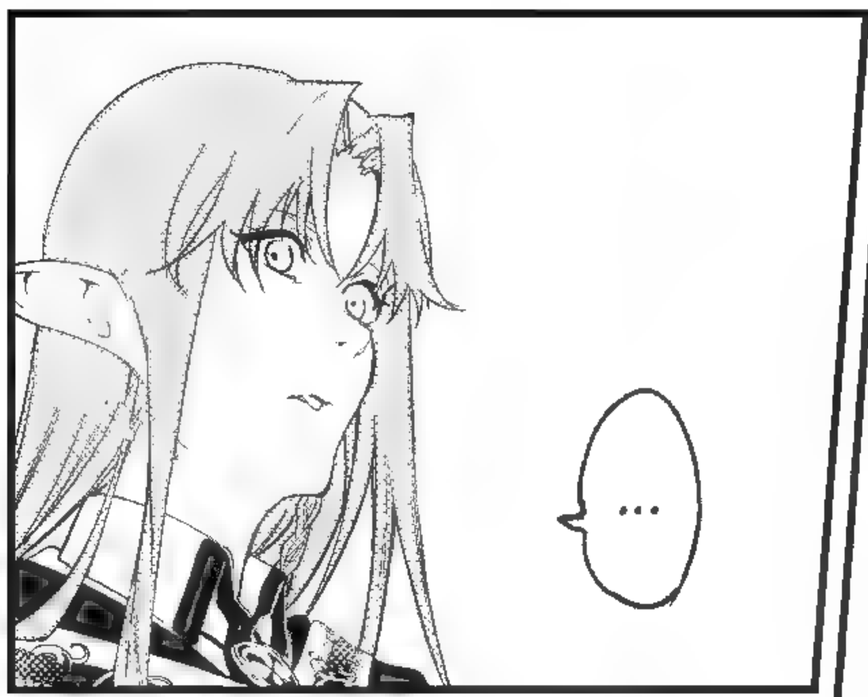

...I WORKED DAY AND NIGHT ON MY OWN SO I COULD GET TO WHERE SHE WAS.

AFTER SHE BECAME A MAGIA VANDER...

BUT...

...HERE I AM TODAY, STILL AS MUCH OF A FAILURE AS ALWAYS.

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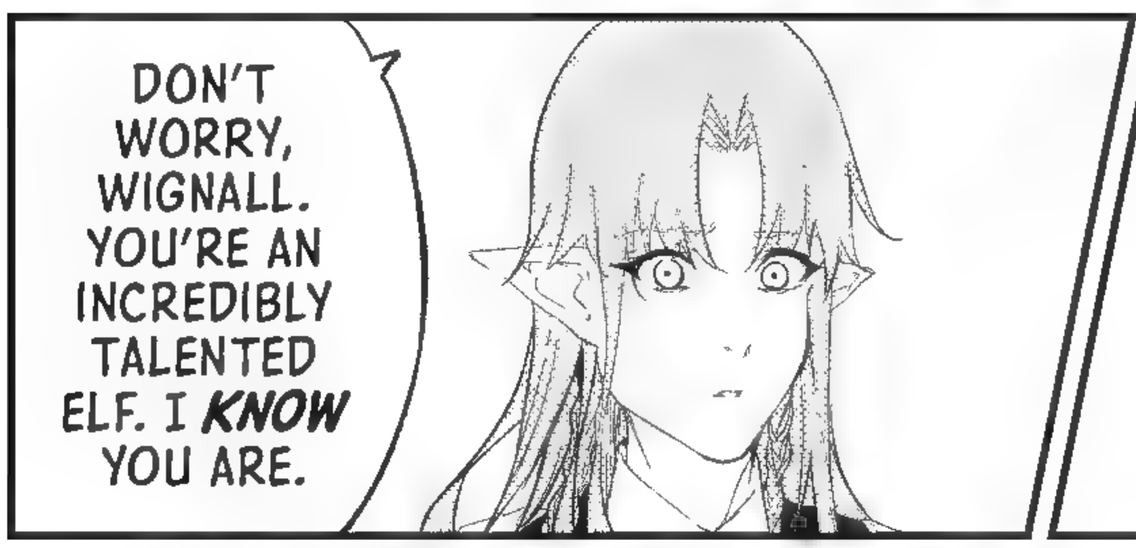
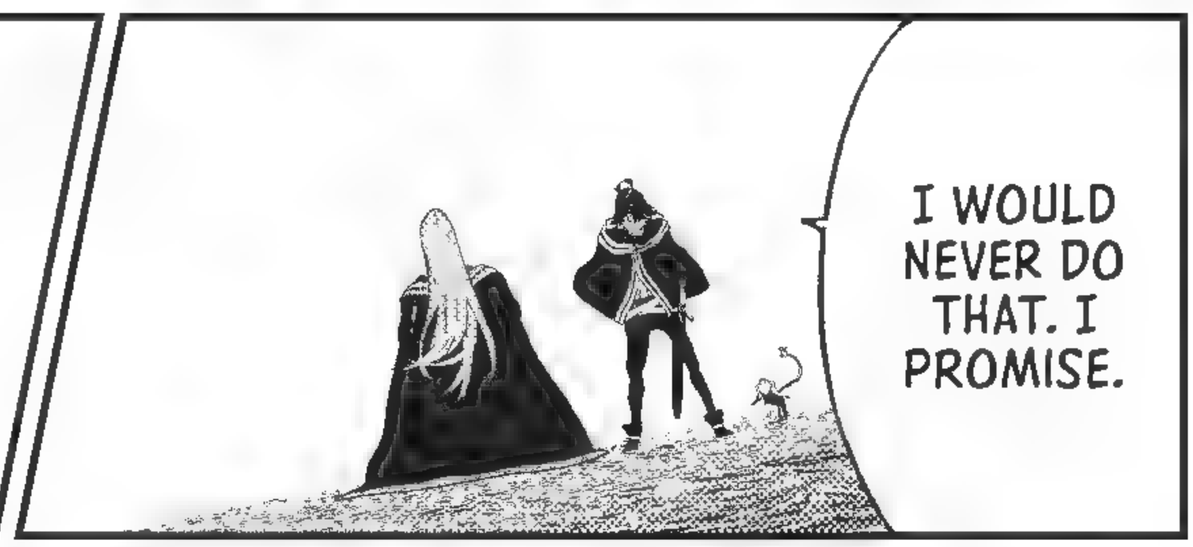
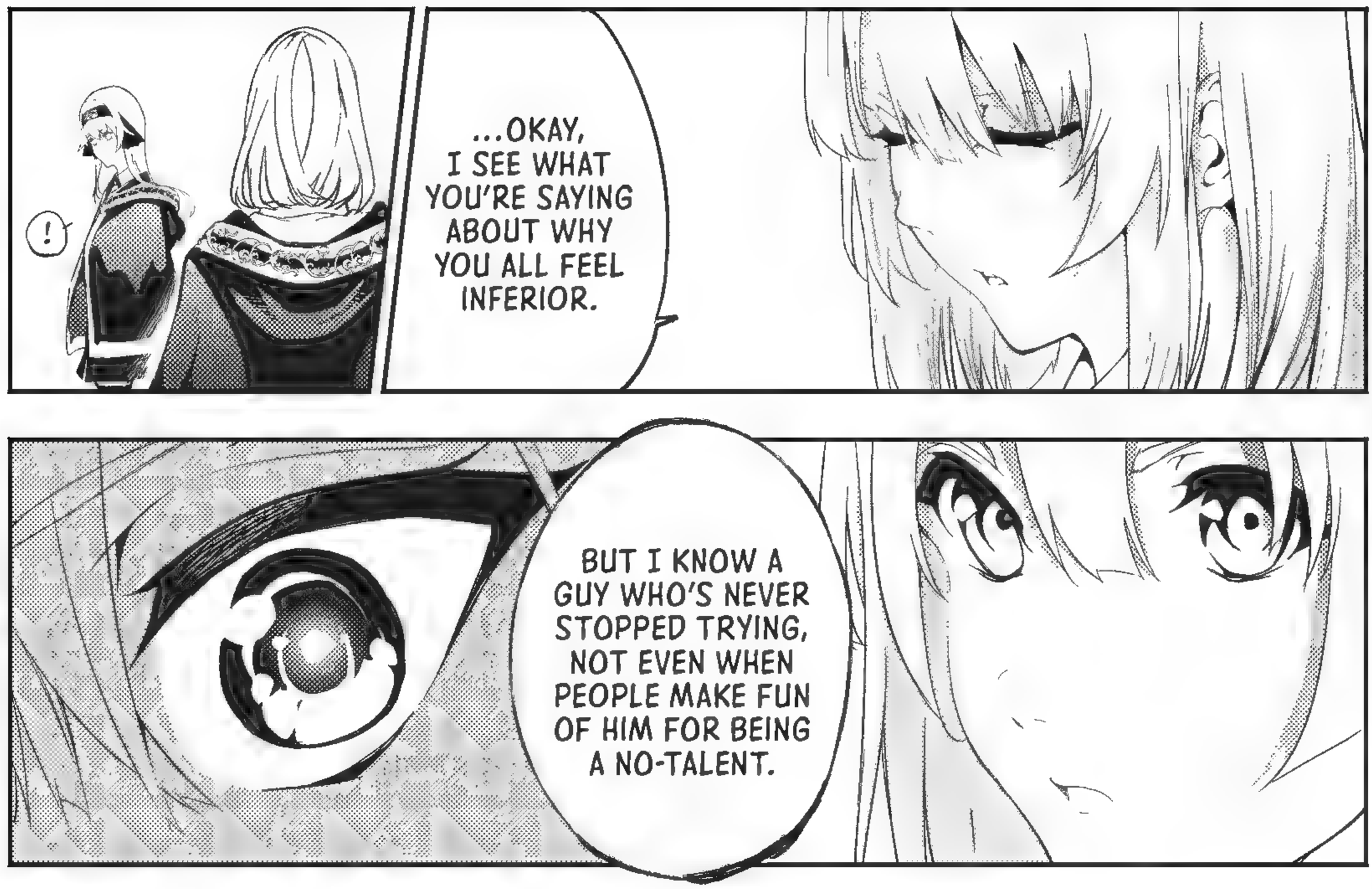
STOP TRYING TO MAKE ME FEEL BETTER! I'M ONLY SLOWING YOU DOWN! JUST LEAVE ME HERE AND KEEP GOING!
WH-WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

THAT'S WHY I'VE ALWAYS HAD THIS FEELING THAT YOU AND I ARE THE SAME!
THAT EXPLAINS EVERY-THING!


DON'T WORRY, WIGNALL. YOU'RE AN INCREDIBLY TALENTED ELF. I *KNOW* YOU ARE.


I WOULD NEVER DO THAT. I PROMISE.

AND I'LL PROTECT YOU UNTIL YOU'RE BACK ON YOUR FEET.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...OKAY, I SEE WHAT YOU'RE SAYING ABOUT WHY YOU ALL FEEL INFERIOR.
BUT I KNOW A GUY WHO'S NEVER STOPPED TRYING, NOT EVEN WHEN PEOPLE MAKE FUN OF HIM FOR BEING A NO-TALENT.

IF HE HEARD YOU CRITICIZING YOURSELF LIKE THAT, MY FRIEND WOULD JUST LAUGH AND SAY YOU'RE AMAZING!

THIS FLOOR REALLY IS ON ON A WHOLE DIFFERENT LEVEL!

ARE ANY OF THESE MONSTERS NOT OVER-FIVES?!

Deformis Serpent
9 credits

Gergesq
8 credits

Nightmare Eye
7 credits

SO
HOW...

...IS HE TAKING THEM ALL DOWN THIS FAST?!

DOES HE EVEN REALIZE HOW MANY BATTLES HE'S FAUGHT BACK TO BACK?!

WHERE DOES THIS BOY...

...GET ALL THAT STAMINA?!

BOOM

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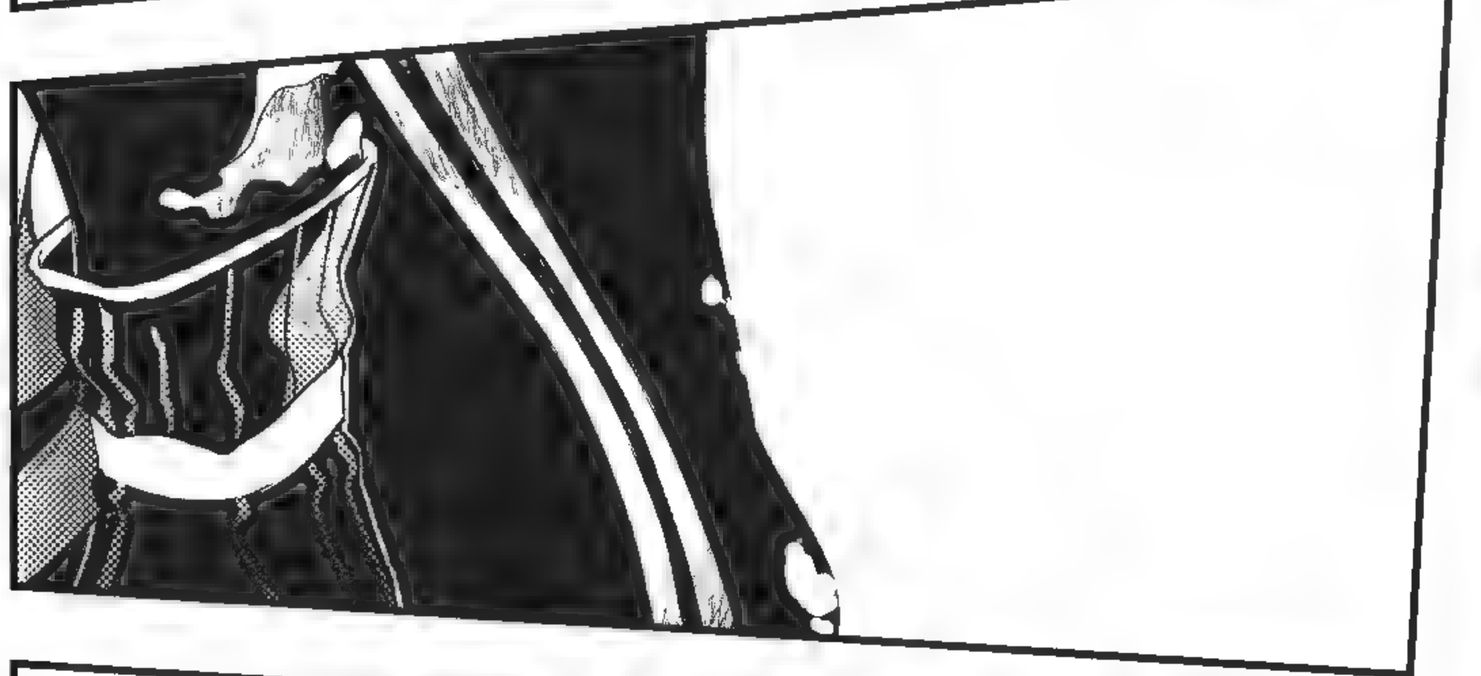
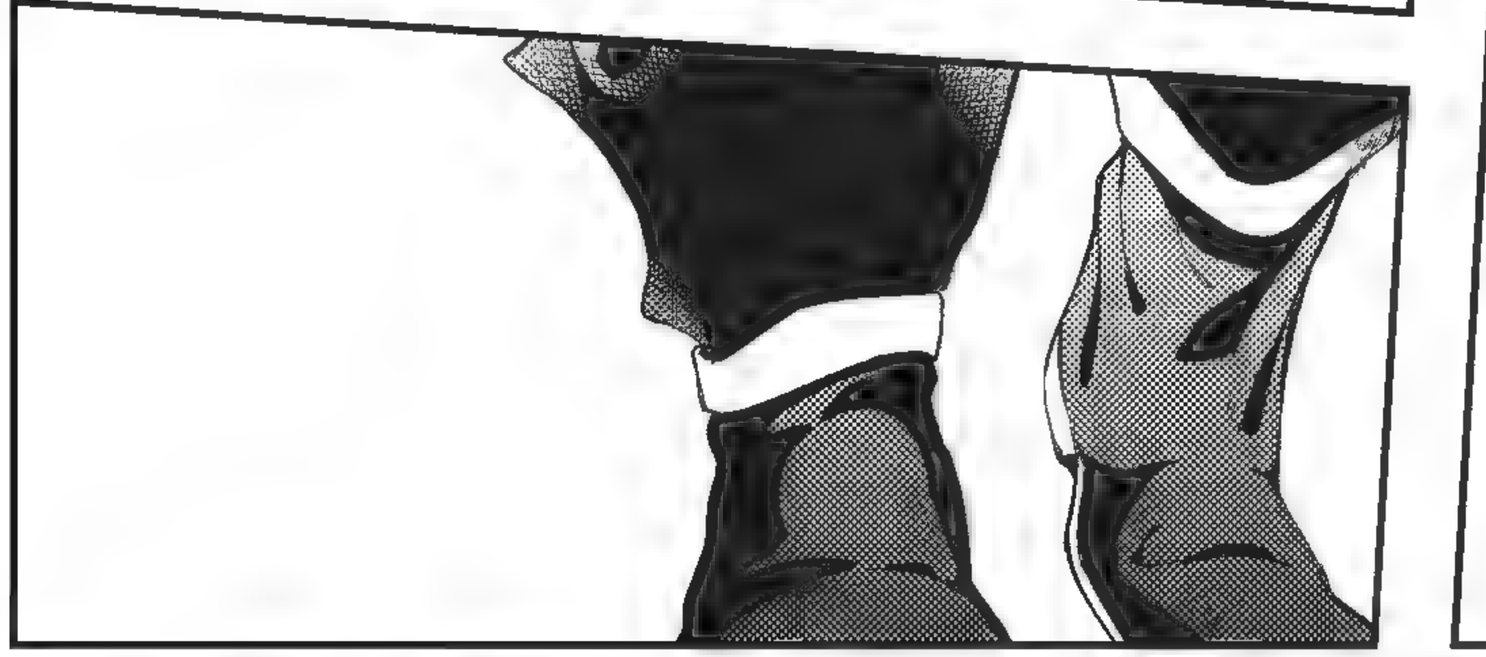
HOW ARE YOU HOLDING UP, WIGNALL?

HUFF

HUFF

TMP

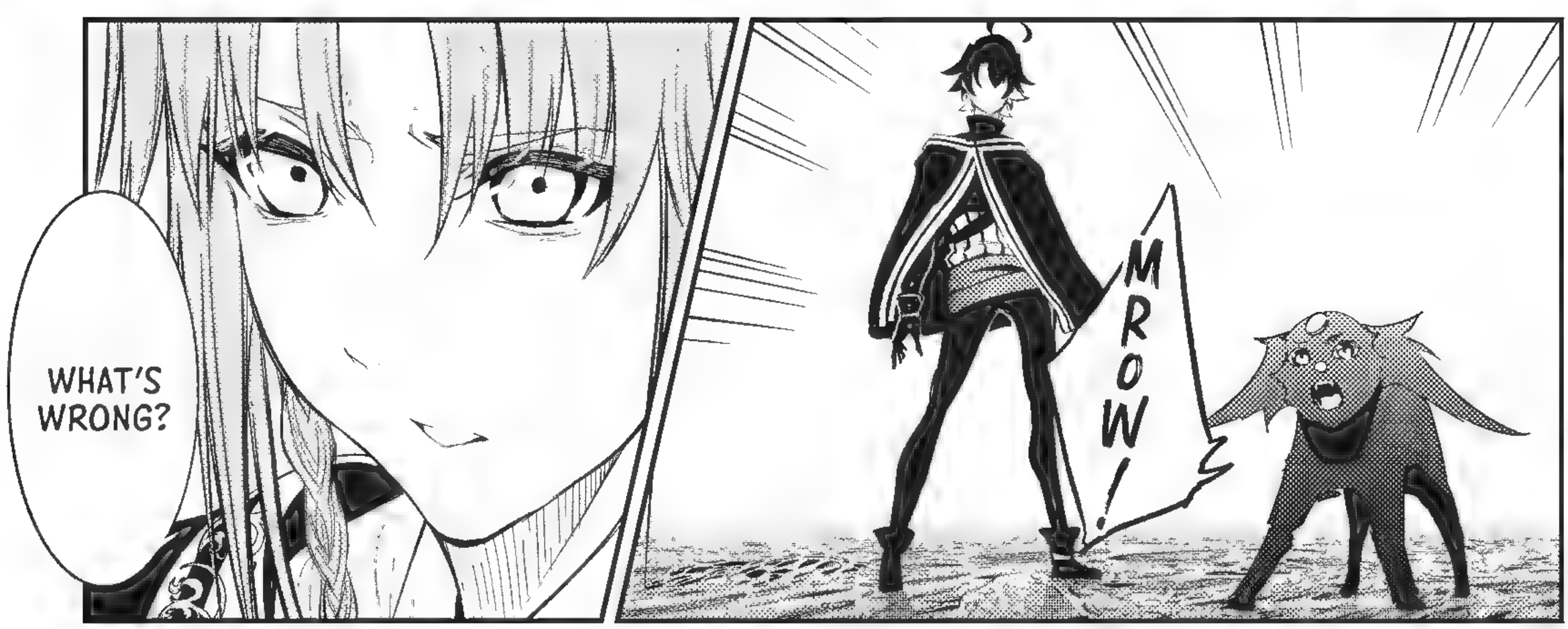


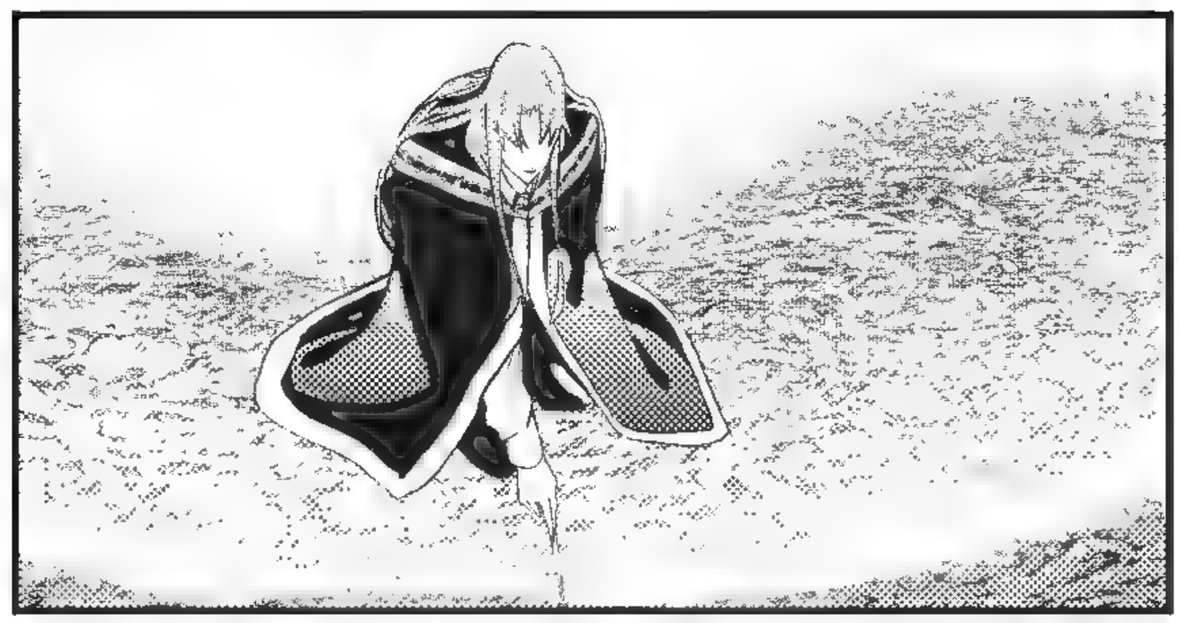


YOU CAN BARELY STAND.
...YOU'VE BEEN SHIELDING ME THIS ENTIRE TIME.

WHY... DON'T YOU LOOK DOWN ON ME LIKE THE ELVES DO...?

BECAUSE I KNOW THAT *YOU* WOULD NEVER BE AS CRUEL AS THAT.





BA-

THE DUNGEON'S MAKING MORE MONSTERS...

DMP

THMP
THMP
THMP
THMP
GLOOP
SPLOOSH

WIGNALL, RUN!
NOT GOOD! THESE GUYS ARE–
WH
OO
SH
BALKAR!
BWOOOOM

TORUS NAVALDE!

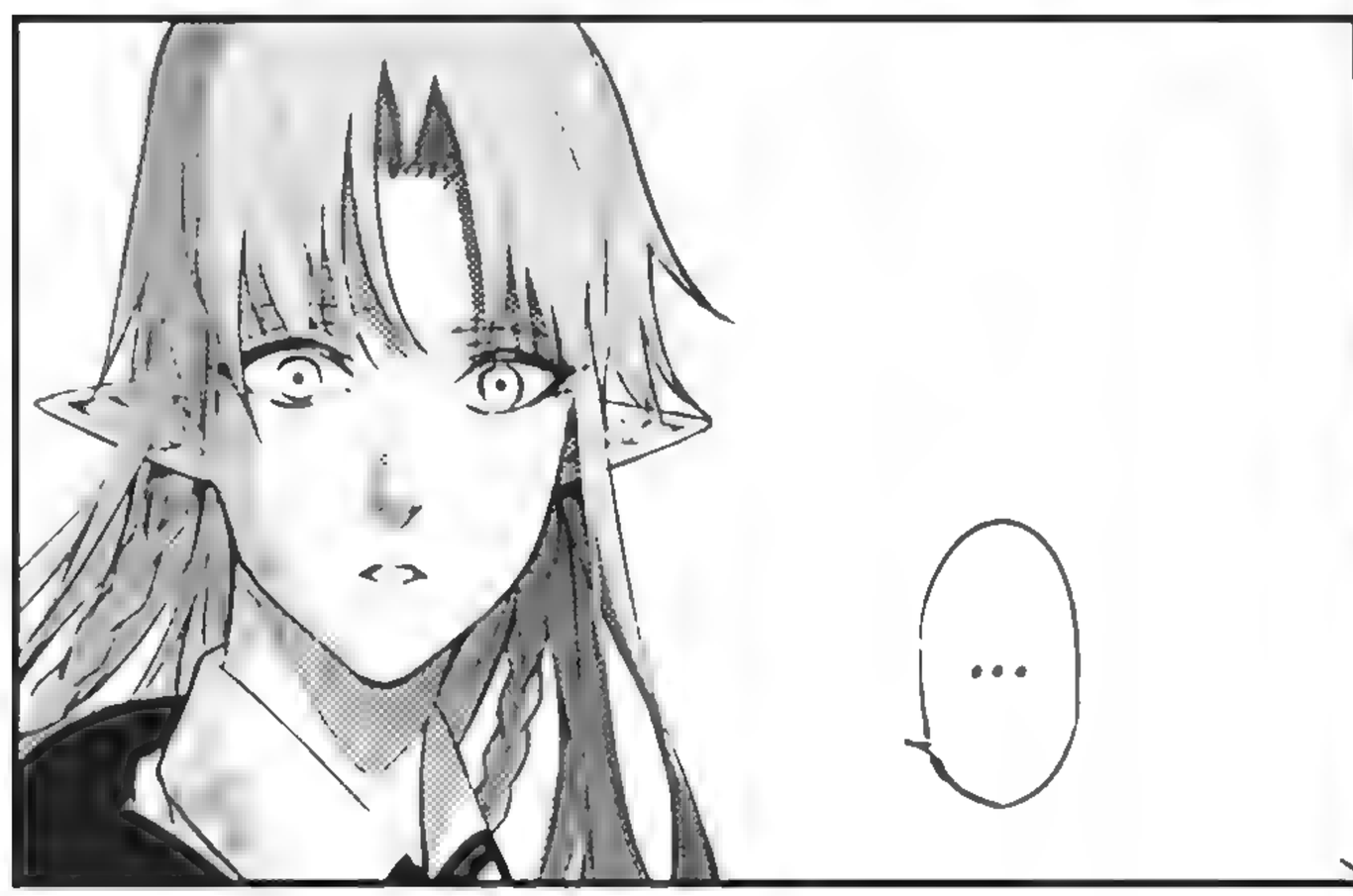
BALKAR... ONE OF THIS FLOOR'S *NOTORIOUS MONSTERS.* THEY'RE WORTH...11 CREDITS.

WHAT *ARE* THEY?

THEIR BODIES ARE MADE OF FLAMES, SO THEY'RE IMPERVIOUS TO PHYSICAL ATTACKS... EVEN WORSE, THEY HAVE HIGH MAGIC RESISTANCE.

...YEAH.

YOU MEAN... THEY'RE *MAGEBANE?!* EVEN TOWER PEOPLE ARE AFRAID OF THEM!



THE ONLY THING THAT WORKS ON THEM... IS ELVEN ILLUSION MAGIC.

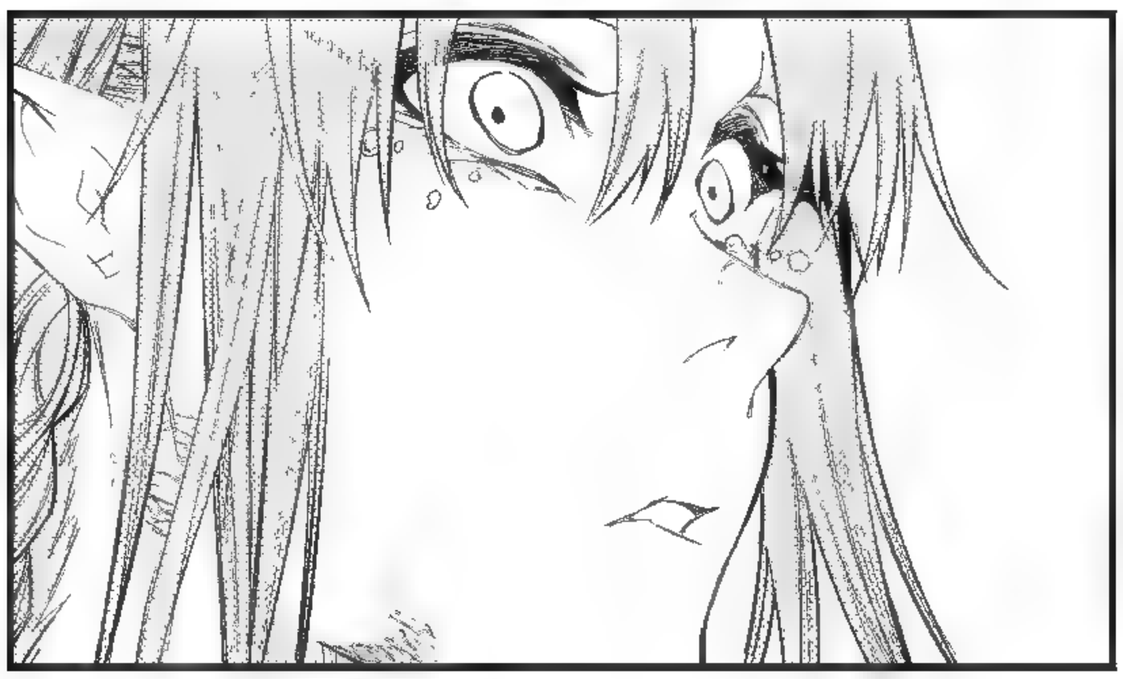
I-I CAN'T!

I CAN'T DO IT!
I TOLD YOU, REMEMBER?! I NEVER PERFECTED MY ILLUSION MAGIC!

...I'LL JUST...
PLIP
PLIP
EVEN IF I TRY...

I'LL JUST... FAIL!

THAT'S OKAY.



IN FACT, LET'S DO IT! LET'S FAIL!

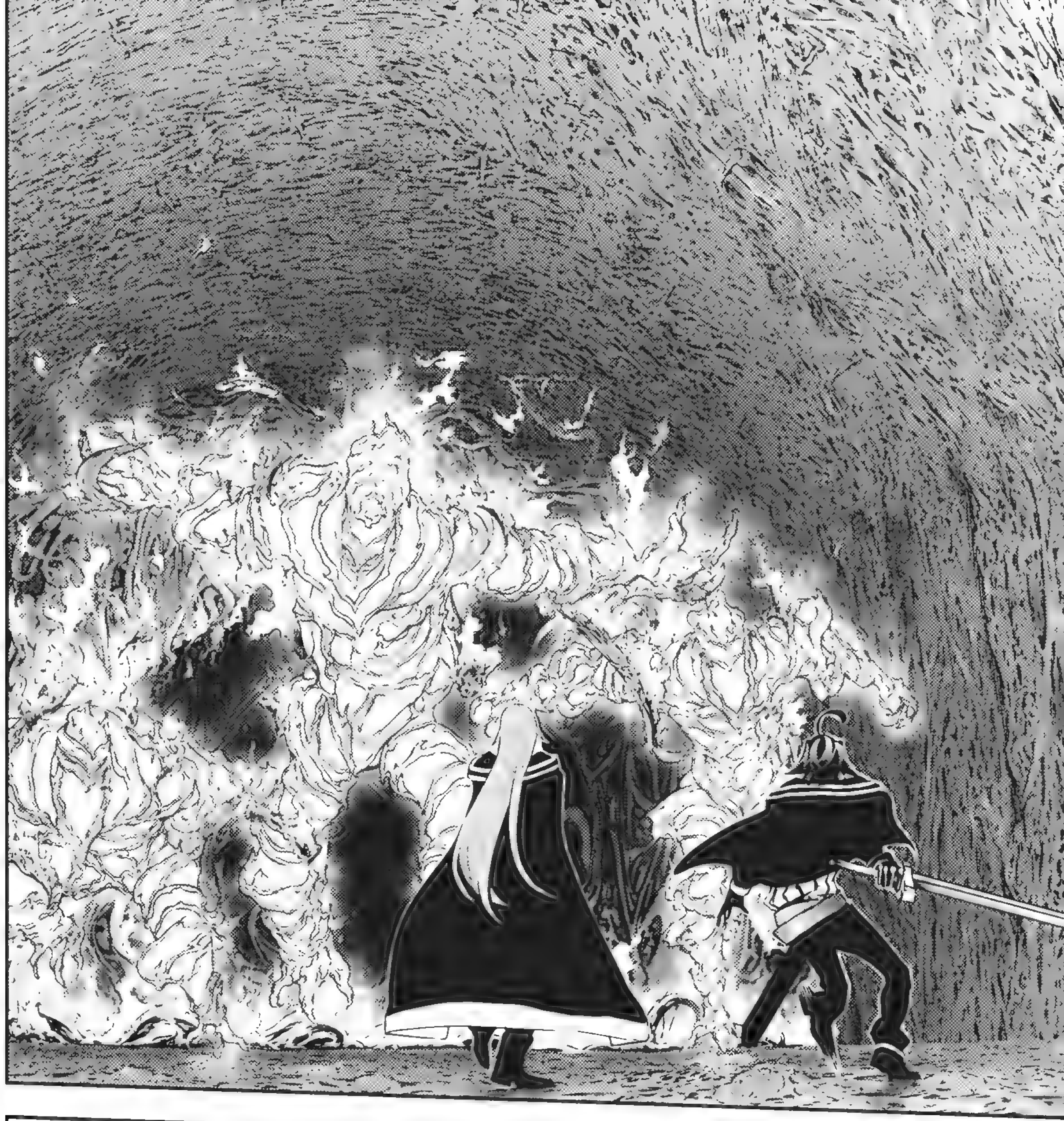
IT'S OKAY TO FAIL, WIGNALL.

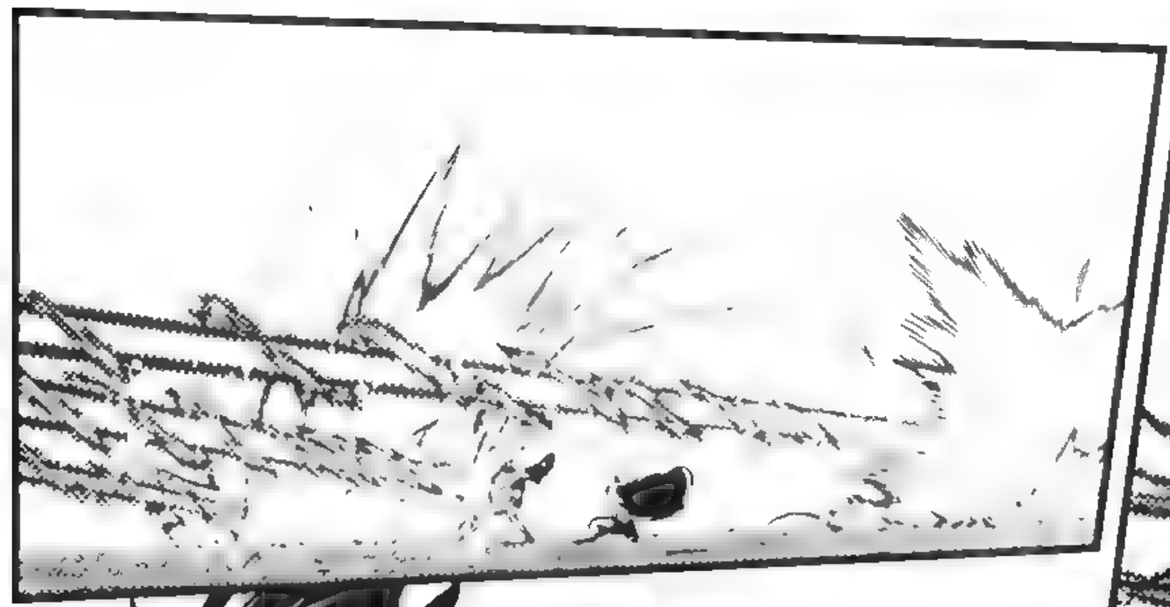
WE'RE NOT GENIUSES! IF WE NEVER FAIL, WE'LL NEVER MOVE FORWARD!

I CAN'T. YOU AND I HAVE THE SAME DREAM.

ELFIE'S WAITING FOR ME IN THE TOWER, AND I INTEND TO GET THERE. I'M NOT ABOUT TO DIE BEFORE THAT.

HE SAYS WE HAVE THE SAME DREAM.
ARE HE AND I...
...REALLY THAT...
"THAT'S WHY I'VE ALWAYS HAD THIS FEELING THAT YOU AND I ARE THE SAME!"
BOOM





ZSH
ZSH
ZSH
GRR!
GLOO
COME ON...
I'M BEGGING YOU...
PLEASE.
PLEASE!
HA SHAKE
HA SHAKE
HA SHAKE
HA SHAKE
HA SHAKE
HE'S RIGHT... HIS SWORD ISN'T DOING ANYTHING.
IF I DON'T DO THIS...
OO
OOP

ALLURIA!
BWOOM
IT DIDN'T WORK... I KNEW IT...

MY FAILURE...

...IS GOING TO GET HIM KILLED.

FLASH

KIKI!! USE CRYSTAL GUARD!

I KNOW YOU HAVEN'T WORKED SO HARD FOR NOTHING!
WIGNALL! YOU CAN DO IT! DON'T GIVE UP!
I BELIEVE IN YOU!

HE BELIEVES IN ME...?

HE HAS THAT MUCH FAITH IN ME...

...EVEN THOUGH MY OWN RACE CAST ME ASIDE?

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU'RE FOOLING?

YOU'RE A STAIN ON OUR PEOPLE.

WHAT ARE YOU EVEN DOING?

YOU'RE ONLY GOING TO KEEP EMBARRASSING YOURSELF.

GIVE IT UP, YOU DISGRACE.

...EVEN IF ALL OF THAT IS TRUE...!
GRK
BUT...

KRIK

...FROM YOU AND MY PAIN.
I'M DONE RUNNING AWAY...

IT ENDS NOW.
KRAK

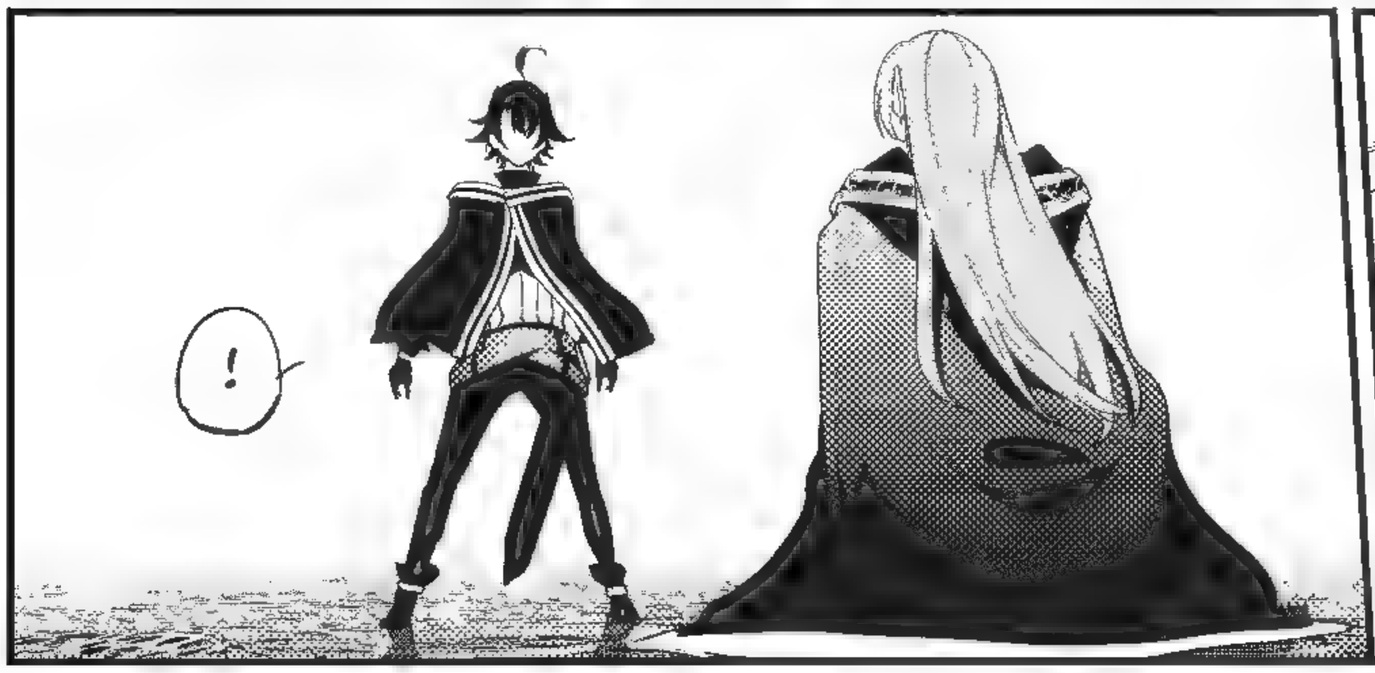
HE BELIEVES IN ME...

...AND I'M NOT ABOUT TO BETRAY HIS TRUST!

CRASH

I REFUSE TO GIVE UP ON YOU, ELLENOR!
I REFUSE TO GIVE UP ON MY DREAM!

ALFS RINGHUL!
HEAR MY CALL!
COME FORTH!
GROW!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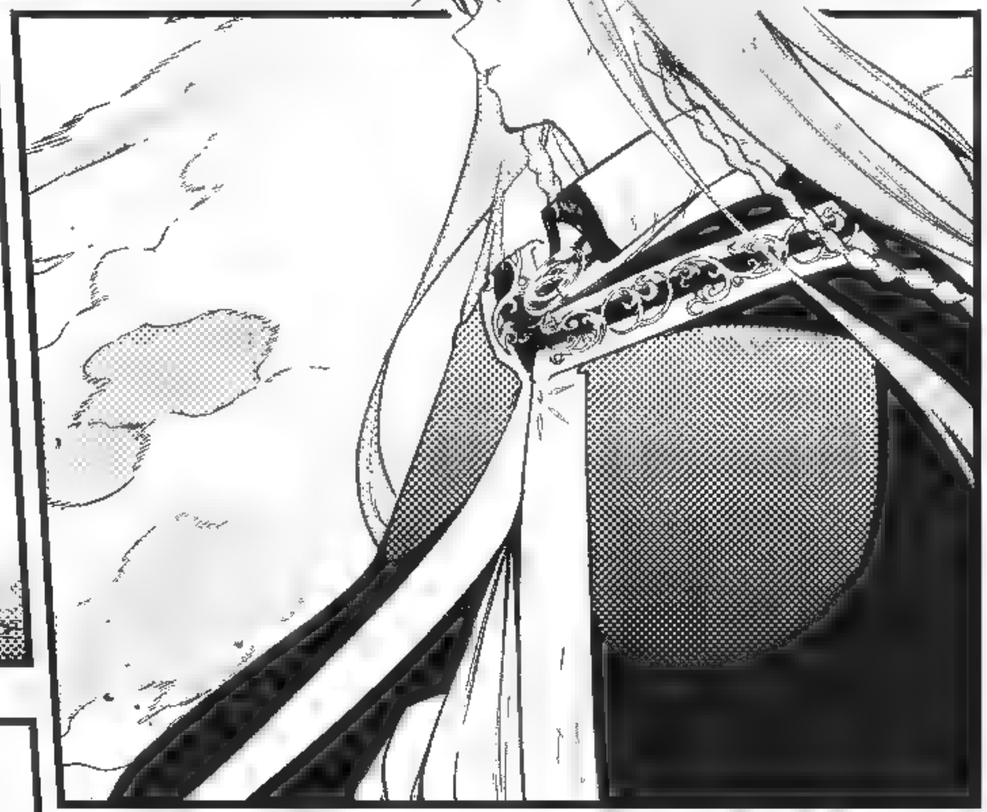

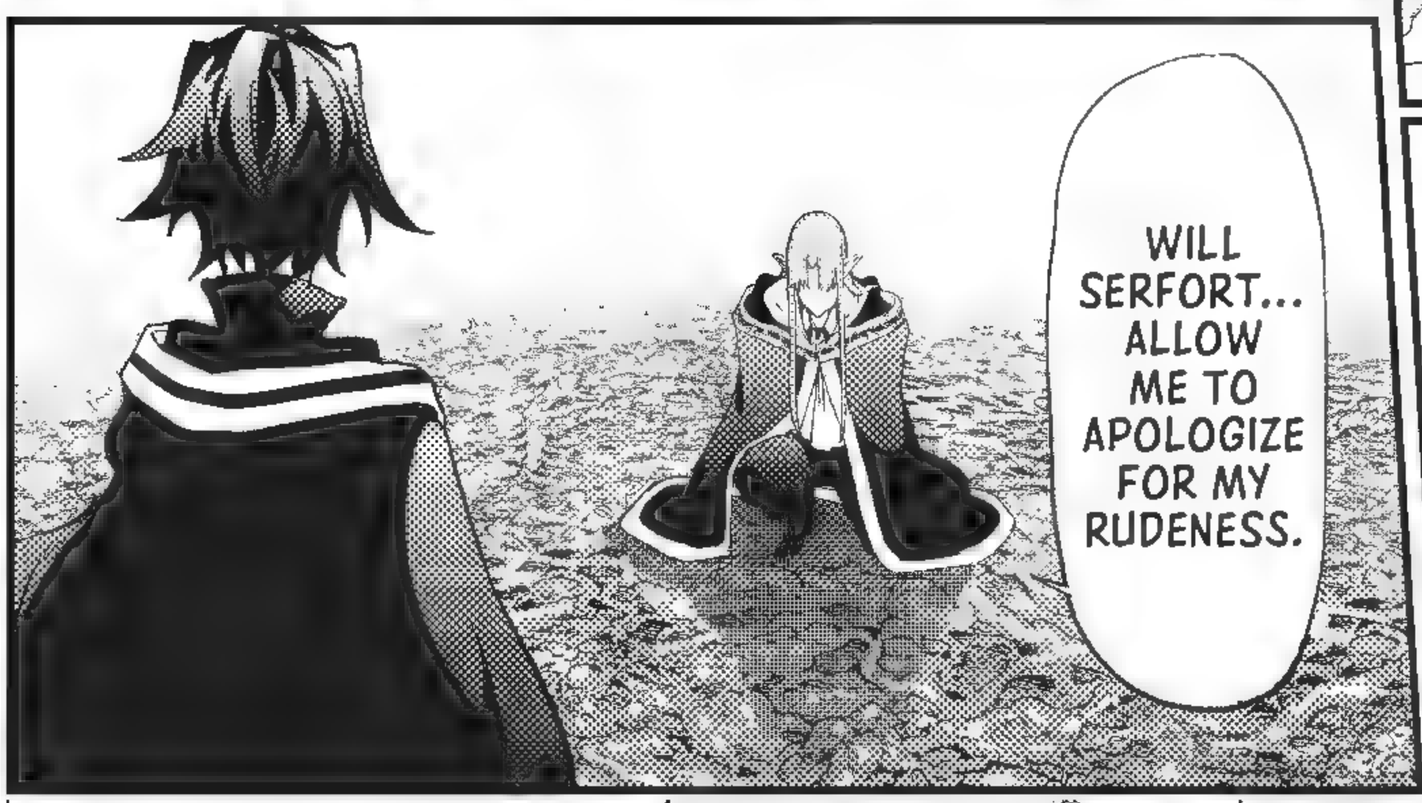
WILL SERFORT... ALLOW ME TO APOLOGIZE FOR MY RUDENESS.

TMP
TMP
TMP

WIG-NALL... YOU DID IT!

YOU'RE A MIGHTY WARRIOR, AND YOU DESERVE MY RESPECT.

I WASN'T GONNA SAY THIS, BUT... OH, WELL.

I'VE ALWAYS ADMIRED YOU.
I FEEL THE SAME WAY.

Historia
Wand and Sword

Historia
Wand and Sword

ZSH
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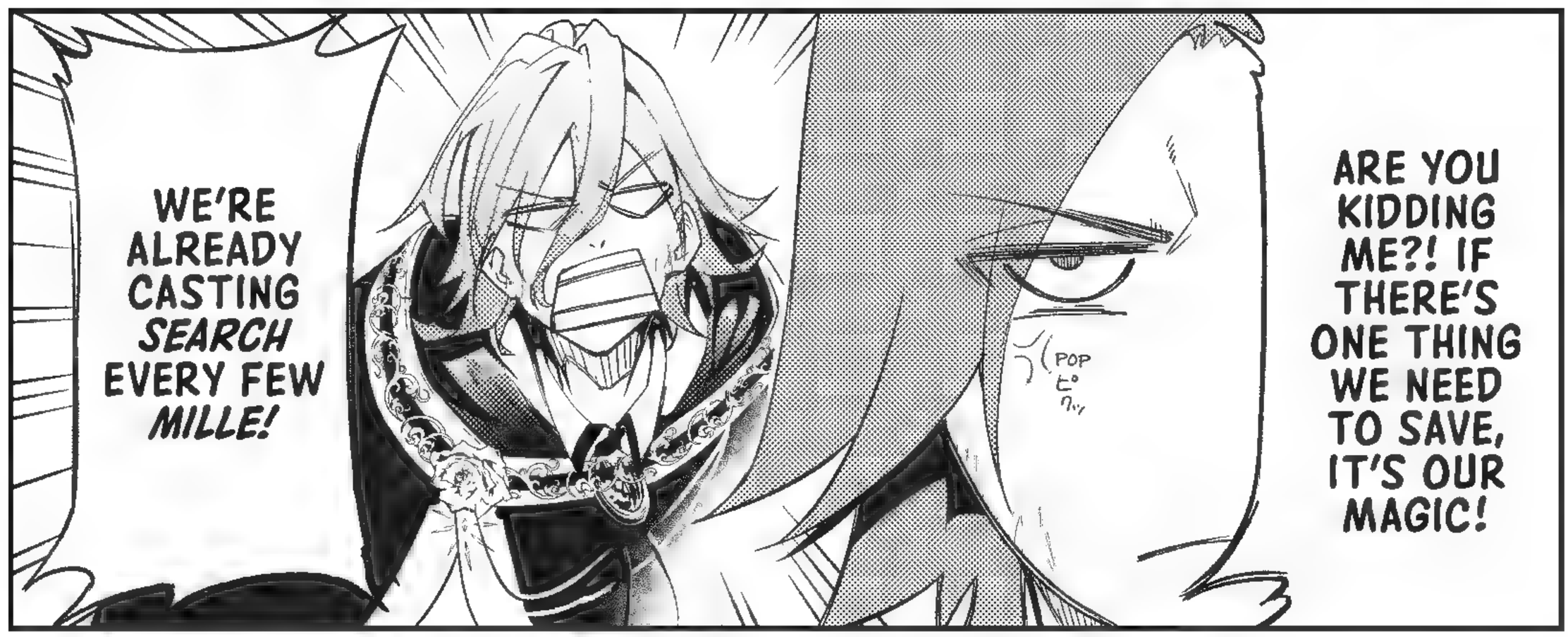
The Nightmare's Maw

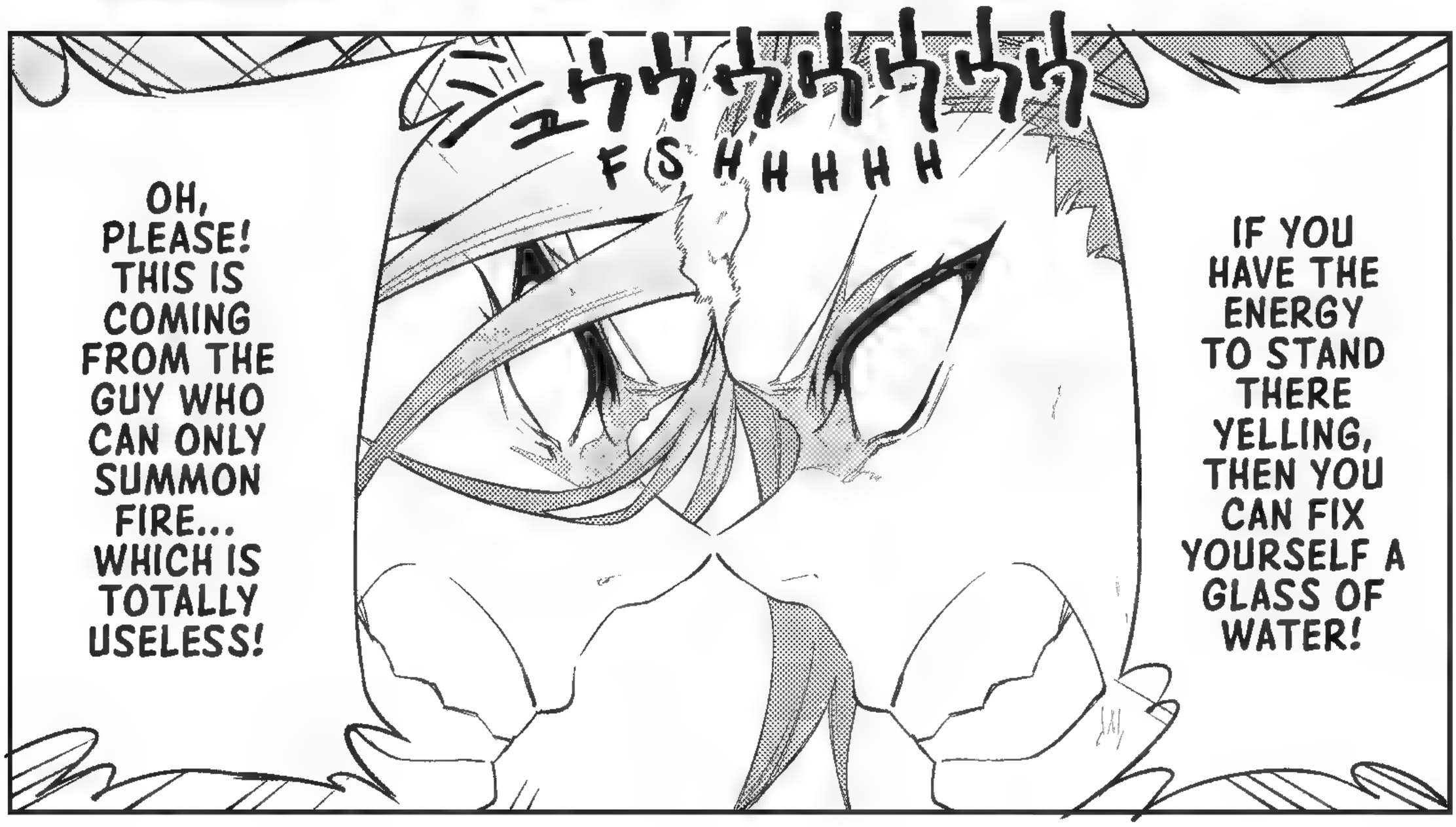
HUFF
HUFF

HUFF
HUFF

IF YOU'RE *THAT* THIRSTY, MELT SOME OF THAT ICE YOU'RE SO PROUD OF.
WATER'S A PRECIOUS RESOURCE. WE CAN'T JUST DRINK IT WILLY-NILLY.

HEY, DO YOU HAVE ANY WATER?


WE'RE ALREADY CASTING *SEARCH* EVERY FEW *MILLE!*
POP
ARE YOU KIDDING ME?! IF THERE'S ONE THING WE NEED TO SAVE, IT'S OUR MAGIC!


FSHHHHH
OH, PLEASE! THIS IS COMING FROM THE GUY WHO CAN ONLY SUMMON FIRE... WHICH IS TOTALLY USELESS!
IF YOU HAVE THE ENERGY TO STAND THERE YELLING, THEN YOU CAN FIX YOURSELF A GLASS OF WATER!

HMPH

HE THINKS HE CAN TALK DOWN TO ME JUST BECAUSE HIS MAGIC'S GOTTEN A LITTLE STRONGER?

Psh.

He still has fewer credits than me.

DAMN YOU, SION.

YANK

GAH?!

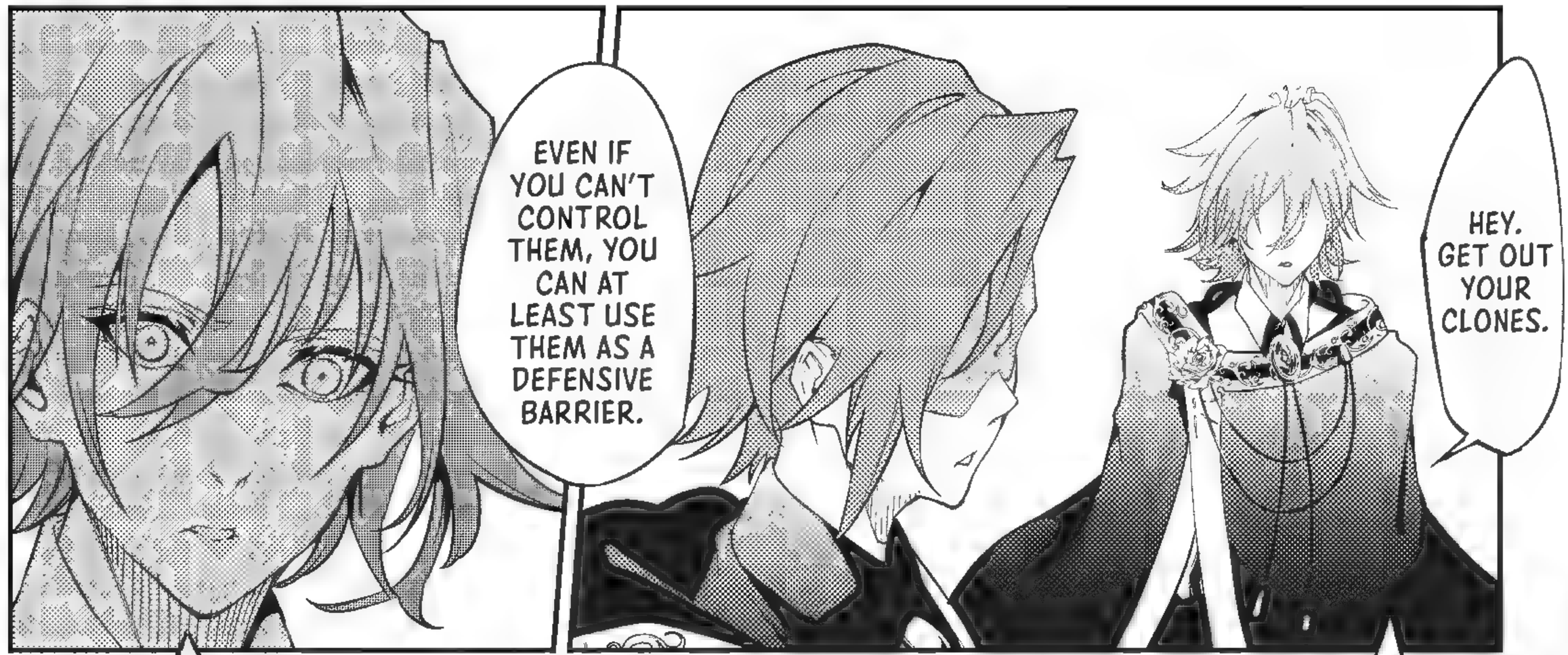
WE CAN'T STAND EACH OTHER AS IT IS, AND NOW WE HAVE TO SHARE THE HUMILIATION OF GETTING BEATEN BY THAT NO-TALENT? WHAT KIND OF SICK JOKE IS THIS?!

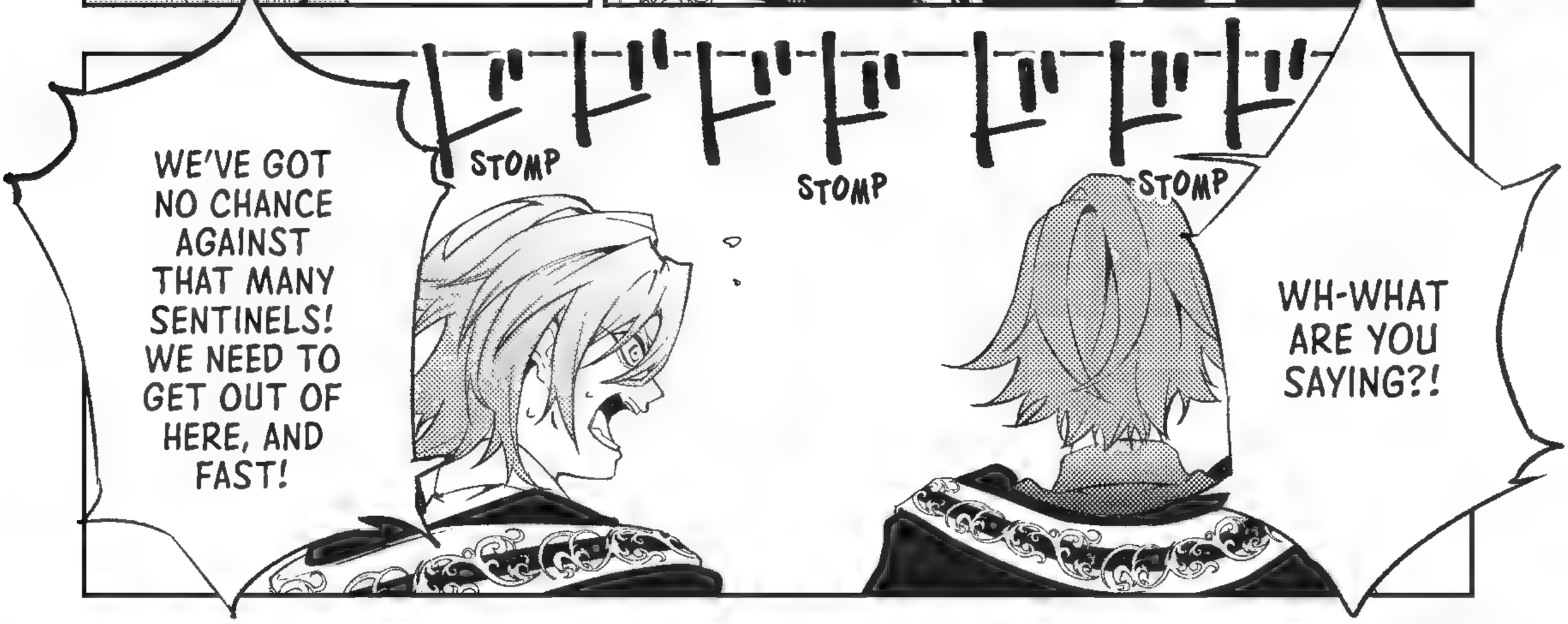
WE'VE GOT COMPANY.

WE JUST WENT OVER THIS ON THE TENTH FLOOR.
SHING
DON'T BE RIDICULOUS... I USED SEARCH! WE'D KNOW IF THERE WERE...
DEMONS CAN EVADE SEARCH.
BA-
DOOM

ROOAR

EVIL SENTI-NELS?!


EVEN IF YOU CAN'T CONTROL THEM, YOU CAN AT LEAST USE THEM AS A DEFENSIVE BARRIER.
HEY. GET OUT YOUR CLONES.


WE'VE GOT NO CHANCE AGAINST THAT MANY SENTINELS! WE NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE, AND FAST!
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
WH-WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!

THOSE THINGS ARE THE REASON I WENT THROUGH THE MOST HUMILIATING EXPERIENCE OF MY LIFE.
GRR

I'M GONNA BURN THEM TO CINDERS!
SKR
EE
EE
EE
EE
EEK

8th Floor

AAAAAAAH!

HA HA HA

ZOGGLUS HILDE.
HOLY SCYTHES OF THE CURSED MAIDEN.
TEARS OF BLOOD.
BLESSED DECAPITA-TION.

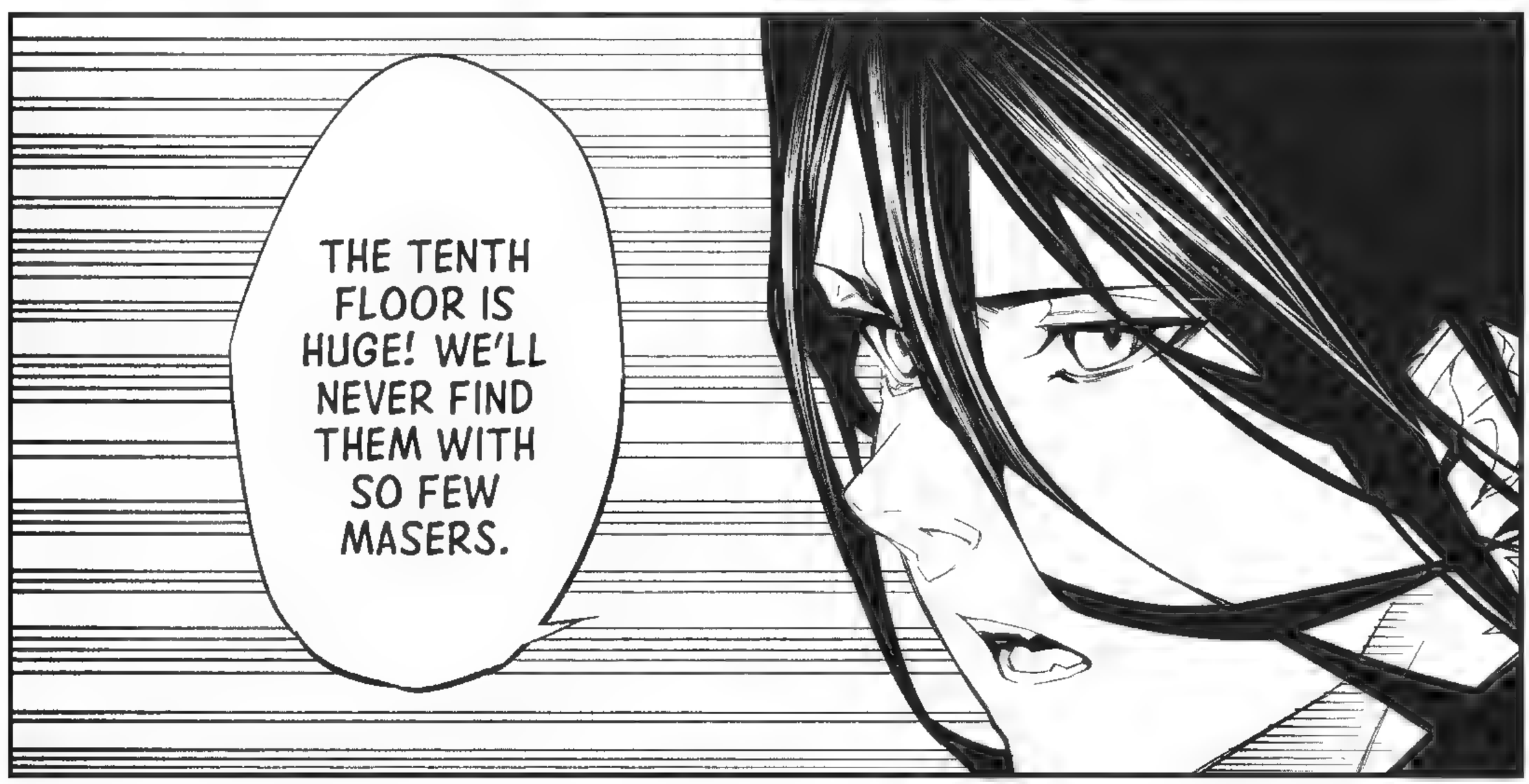
ED!
ALL STUDENTS EVACUATE TO THE SIXTH FLOOR IMMEDIATELY! THE OTHER FACULTY AND GUARDIANS WILL LEAD THE WAY! FOLLOW THEIR INSTRUCTIONS!
Y-YES, SIR!
Student

ZSH

YOU'RE KIDDING... THAT IS TOO COOL...
A *SKY RACER* IN THE DUNGEON? HOW'D THEY EVEN GET IT IN HERE?!
ZOOM

NEARLY ALL OF THEM HAVE EVACUATED! WE'RE LUCKY MOST OF THEM HADN'T MADE IT PAST THE EIGHTH FLOOR YET!

WORKNER, ARE THERE ANY OTHER STUDENTS?!



I KNOW WHERE THEY ARE.

KIKI'S CRYSTAL IS LINKED TO THIS ORB!

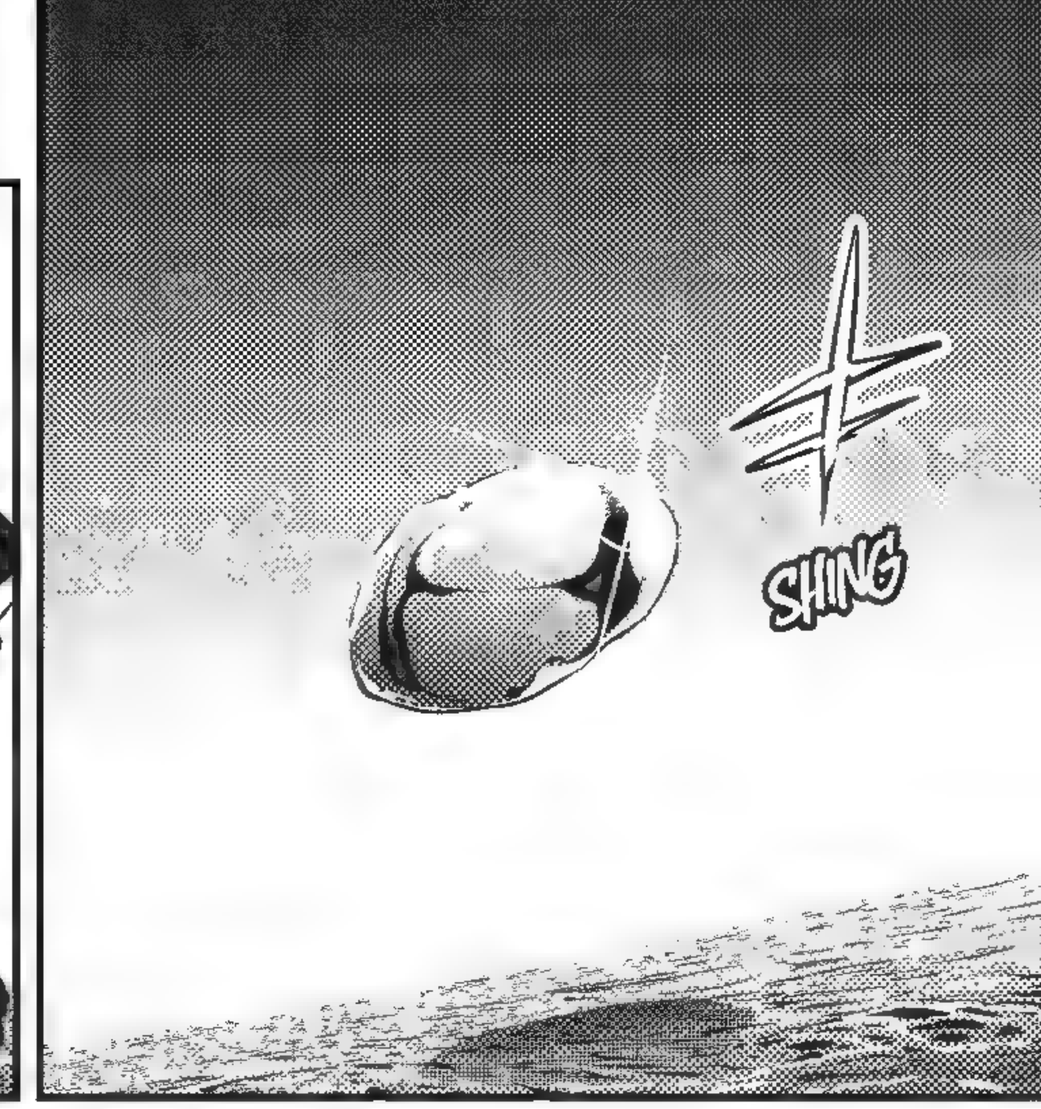
KIKI, THE FAMILIAR I GAVE TO WILL, IS A *CARBUNKLE!*

WILL'S PARTY...

...IS ON THE ELEVENTH FLOOR!

...YEAH, COMING!

CO-LETTE.


SHING

...BUT THE MONSTERS DON'T GIVE US MUCH TIME TO CATCH OUR BREATH.
WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF FOOD AND WATER... WE'VE BEEN RESTING WHENEVER WE CAN...

LIHANNA... HOW MUCH TIME HAS IT BEEN?
SINCE WE FELL TO THIS FLOOR? IT'S BEEN 16 HOURS.

WE'VE ONLY MADE IT THIS FAR BECAUSE WE HAVE THE YEAR'S TOP STUDENT...BUT EVEN LIHANNA'S REACHING HER LIMITS.

AT THIS RATE...

...I'M SORRY, COLETTE.

IF ANYONE'S TO BLAME, IT'S THAT MONSTER THAT POPPED UP OUT OF NOWHERE ON THE TENTH FLOOR! THAT'S OBVIOUS!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

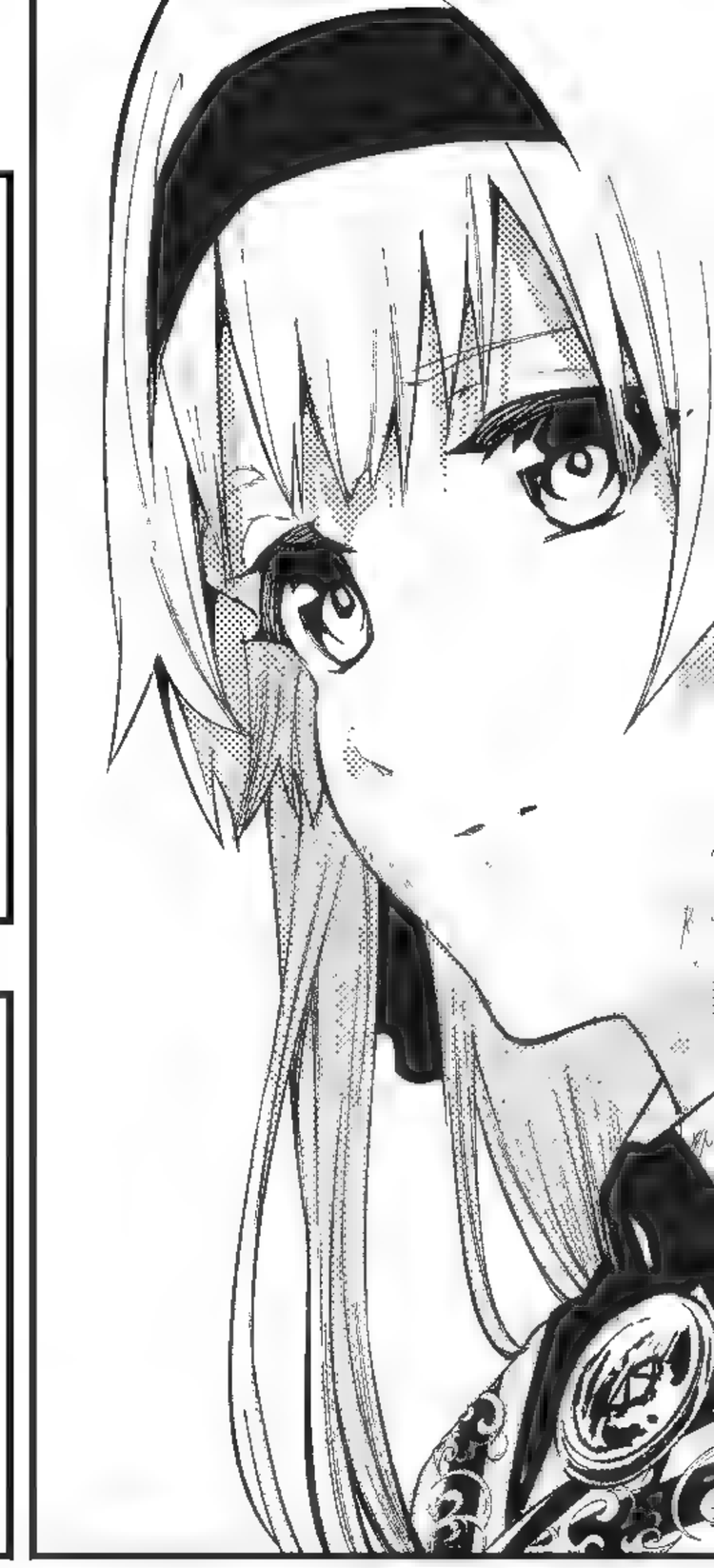
I WAS SO DESPERATE TO MAKE A NAME FOR MYSELF, I PUT YOU ALL IN DANGER... THIS IS ALL MY FAULT.

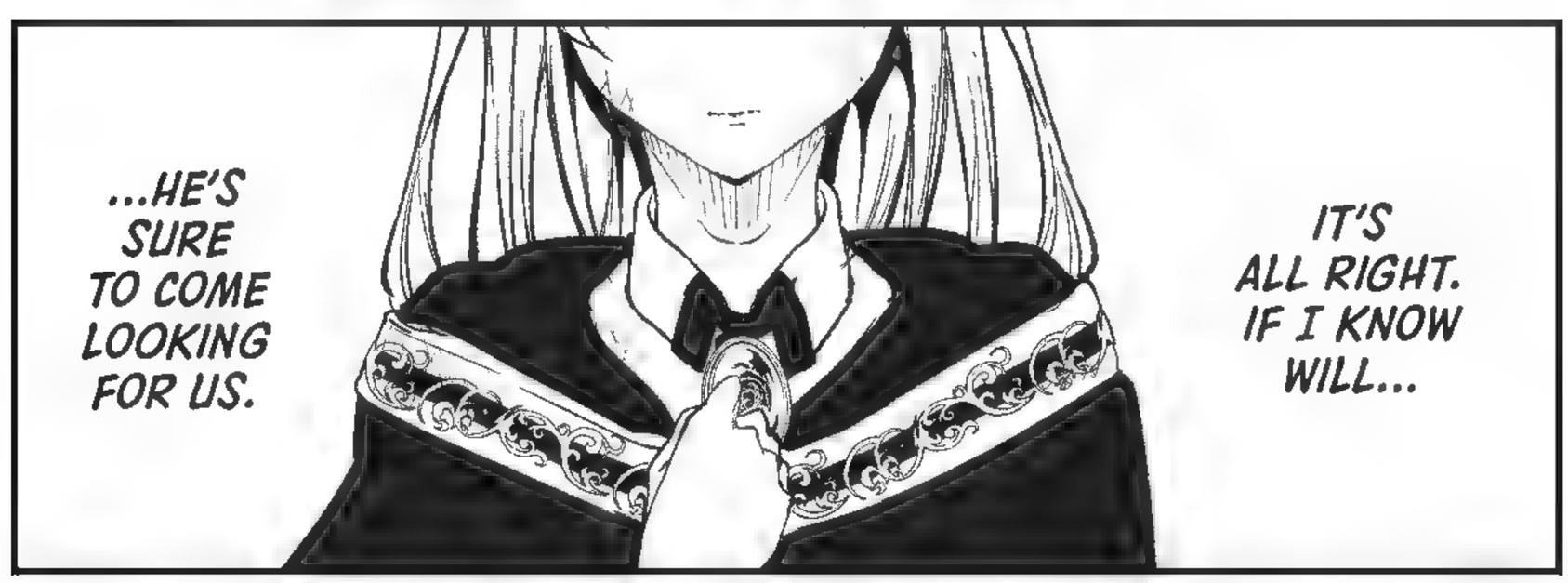
HUH?

AND WHILE WE'RE ON THE SUBJECT, *I'M* THE ONE WHO TAGGED ALONG WITHOUT BEING INVITED. I BROUGHT THIS ON MYSELF!

BUT...

THANK YOU, COLETTE.




...HE'S SURE TO COME LOOKING FOR US.
IT'S ALL RIGHT. IF I KNOW WILL...

ZSH

!

WILL, AROUND THAT BEND! I'M PICKING UP SOME MAGES!
OKAY!

HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
SION?!

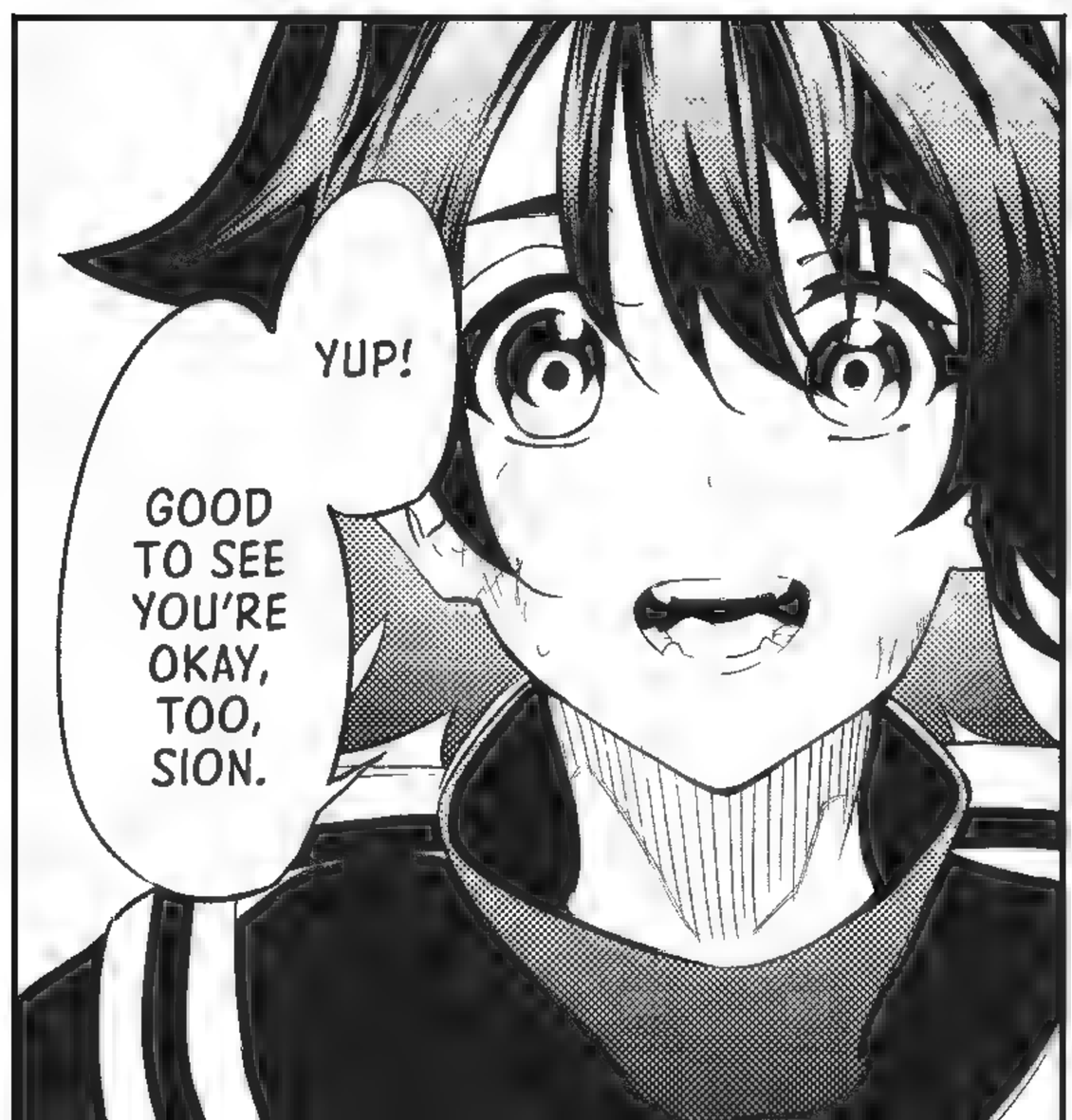
BAAAM
THERE ARE TRACES EVERYWHERE... DON'T TELL ME HE BEAT ALL THESE SENTINELS BY HIMSELF?

IT WASN'T JUST HIM! I HELPED!
Psh.

JULIUS!

HOW DARE YOU TREAT THE ICE-MAIDEN'S SECRET MAGIC LIKE THAT?!
SURE, HIS FIRE MAGIC'S PRETTY SCARY, BUT DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW MANY CLONES I HAD TO SACRIFICE?!
DUNNN

HSH
HSH


YUP!
GOOD TO SEE YOU'RE OKAY, TOO, SION.

I SEE YOU'RE ALIVE, FLUNKEE.

GLANCE キョロ

...THE GIRLS AREN'T WITH YOU?

HMPH フンッ

GLANCE

OH, NO!

THEN THEY'RE STILL ALONE...

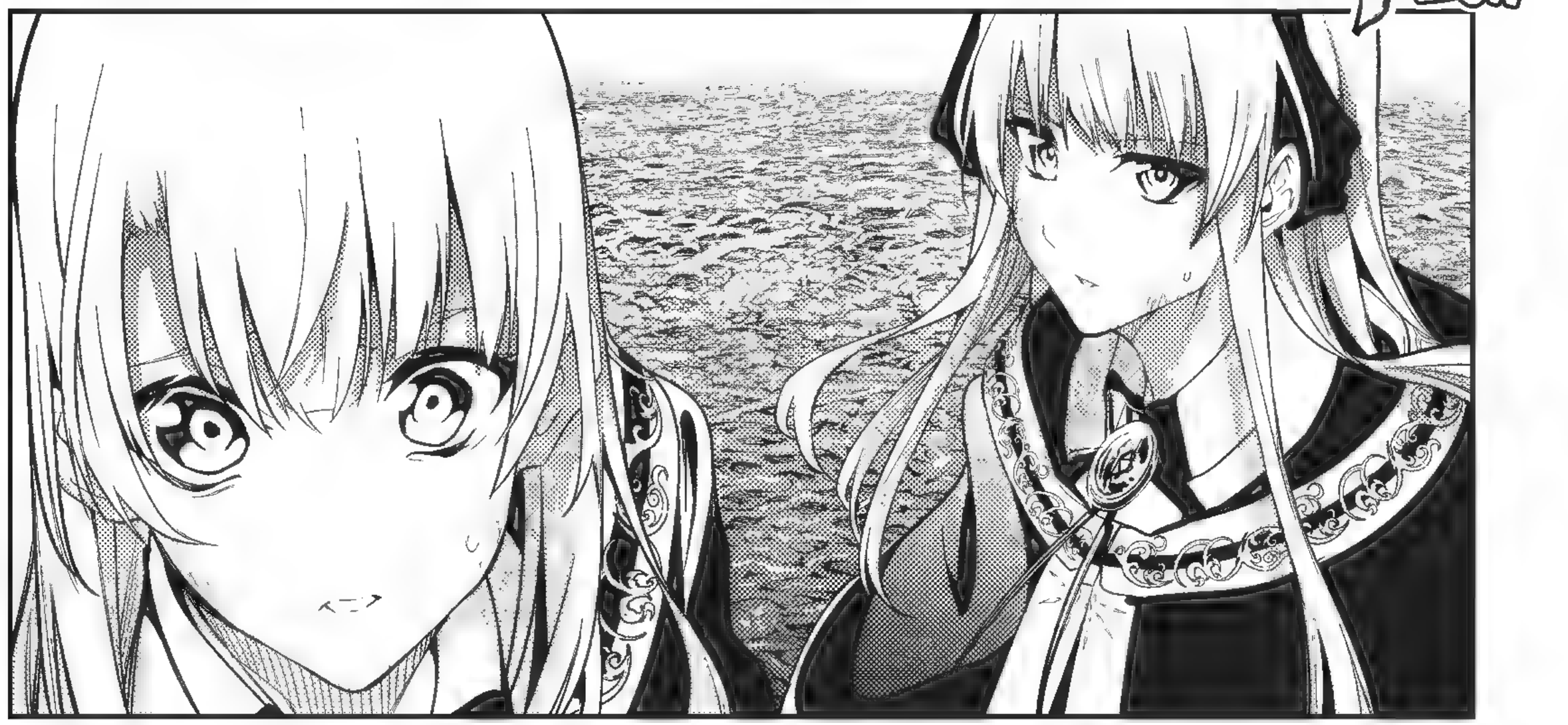
WIPE ゴシゴシ WIPE

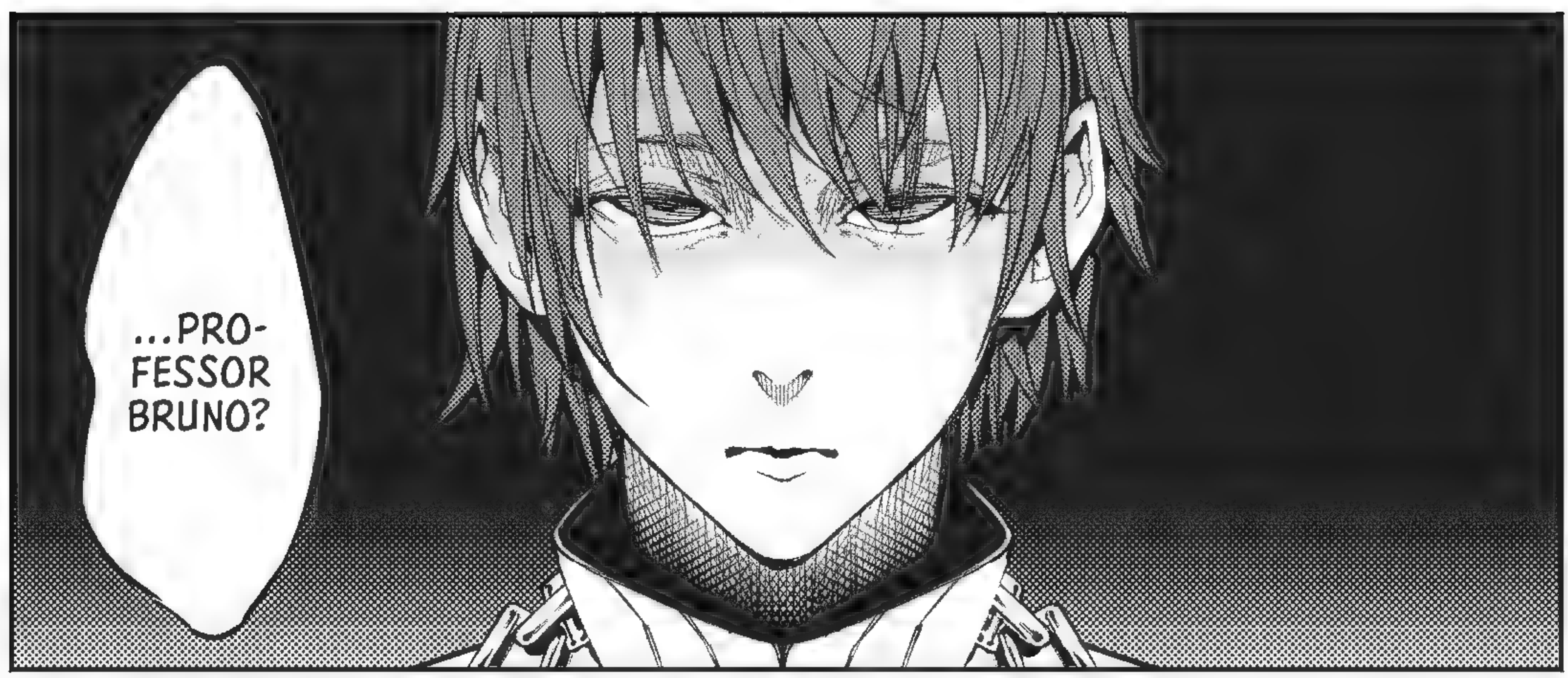
NO, IT'S JUST US. WE FIGURED THEY'D BE WITH *YOU.*

LIHANNA... COLETTE...!

WAIT, COLETTE.
GRAB

...FEELS OFF HERE.
ZSH
SOME-THING...
ZSH
ZSH

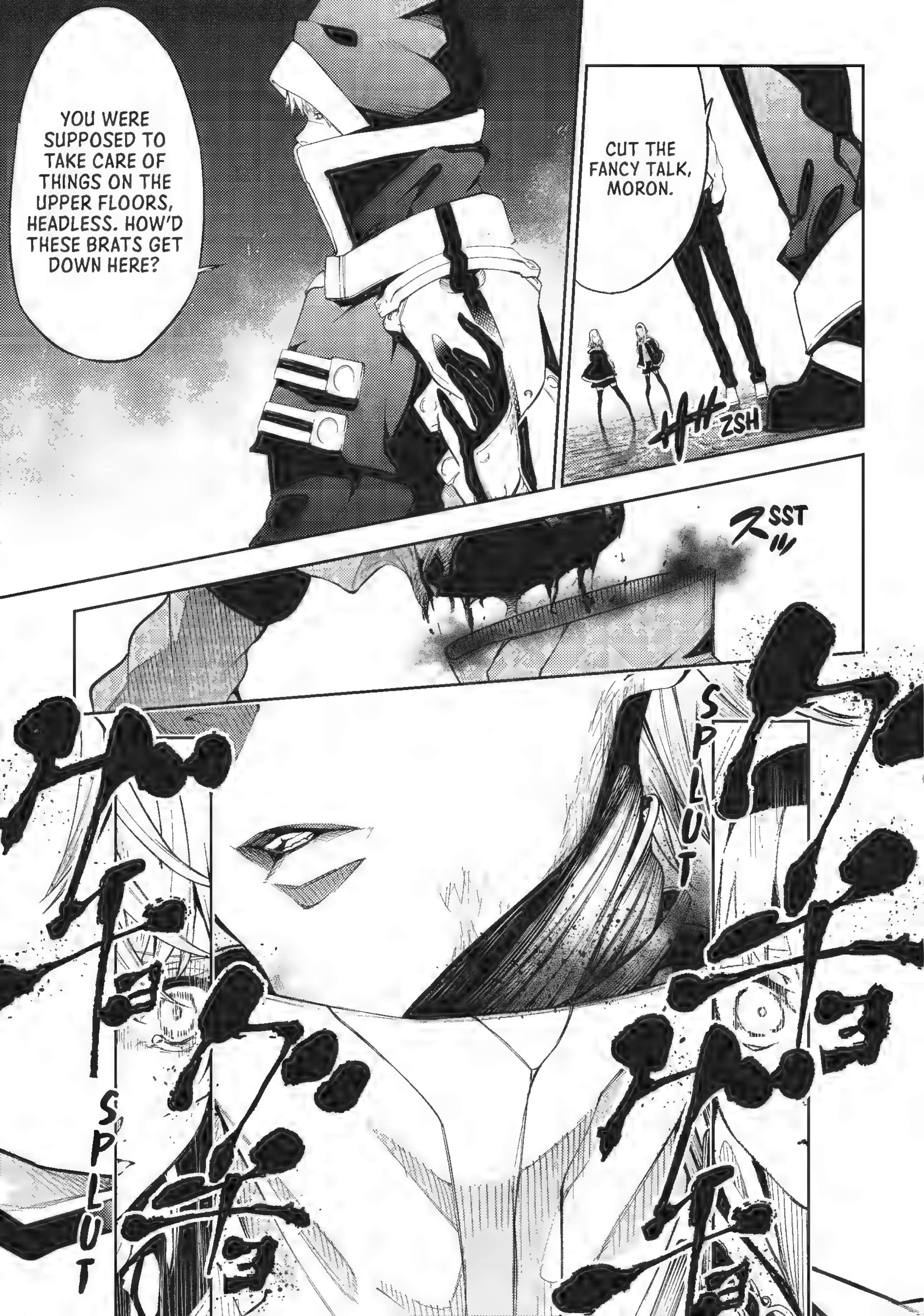


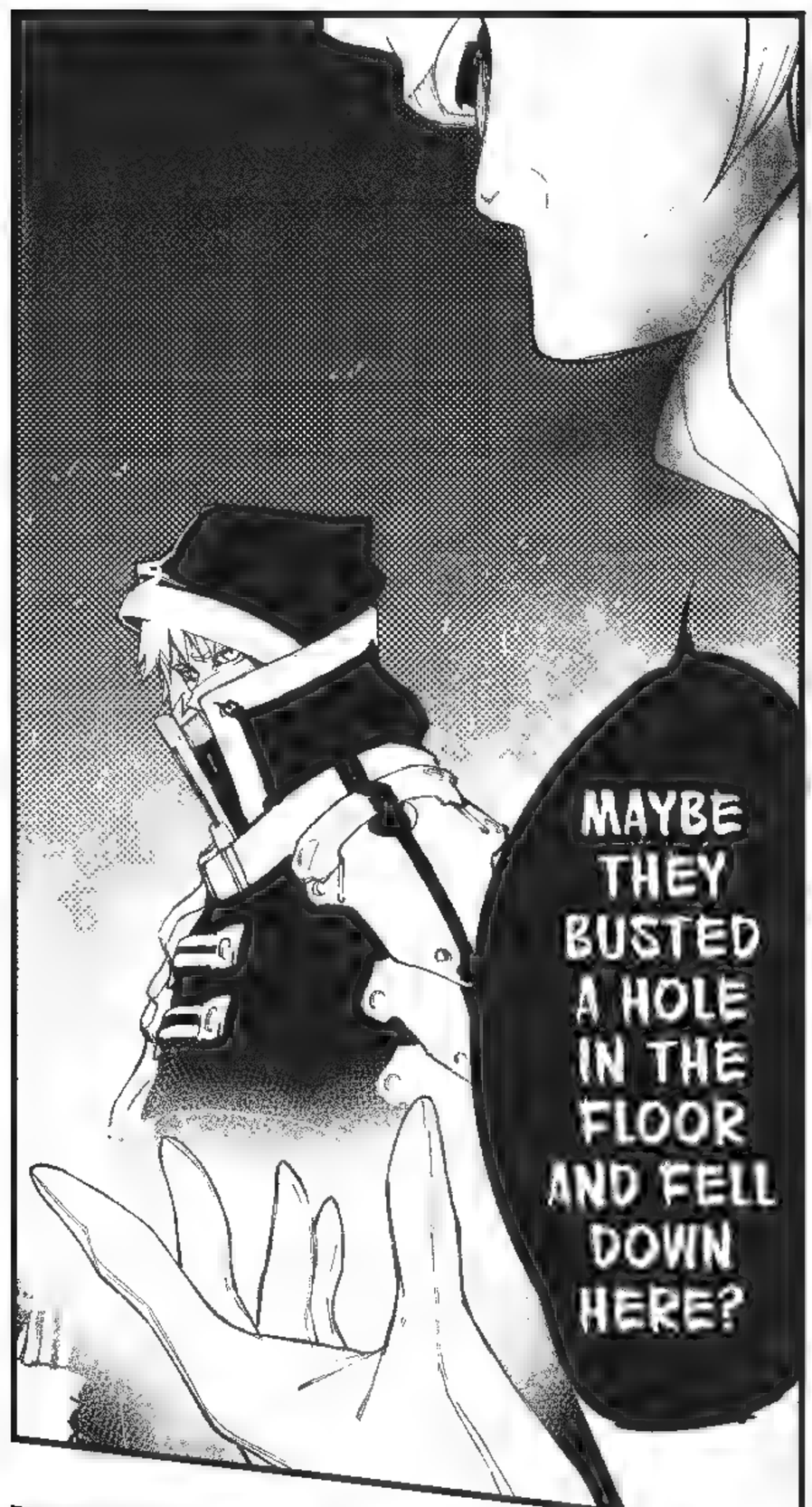

...PRO-
FESSOR
BRUNO?

TWIST
KILL

FLOP
EEK?!

DUNNN
ズーズーズー
ごきげんよう 麗しいお嬢さん達
WHAT LOVELY YOUNG LADIES. HOW DO YOU DO?

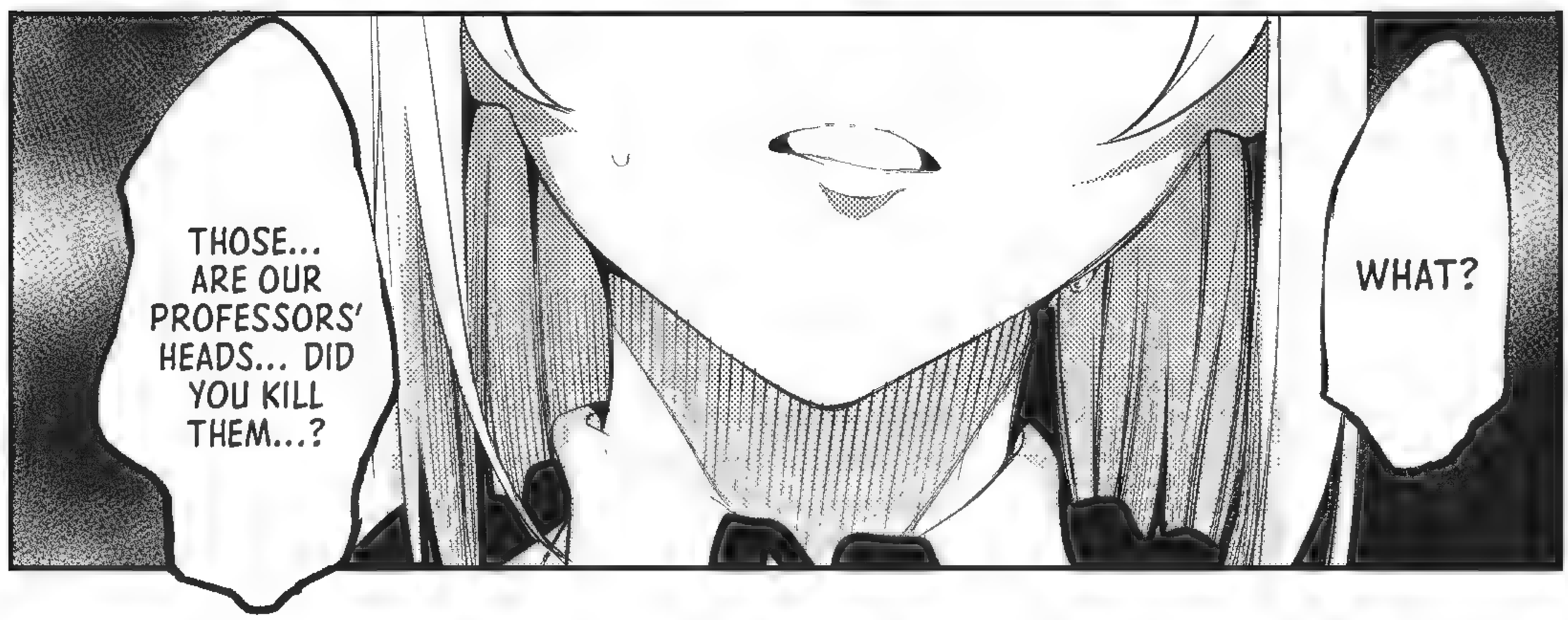

YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO TAKE CARE OF THINGS ON THE UPPER FLOORS, HEADLESS. HOW'D THESE BRATS GET DOWN HERE?
CUT THE FANCY TALK, MORON.
ZSH
SST
SPLUT
SPLUT


MAYBE THEY BUSTED A HOLE IN THE FLOOR AND FELL DOWN HERE?

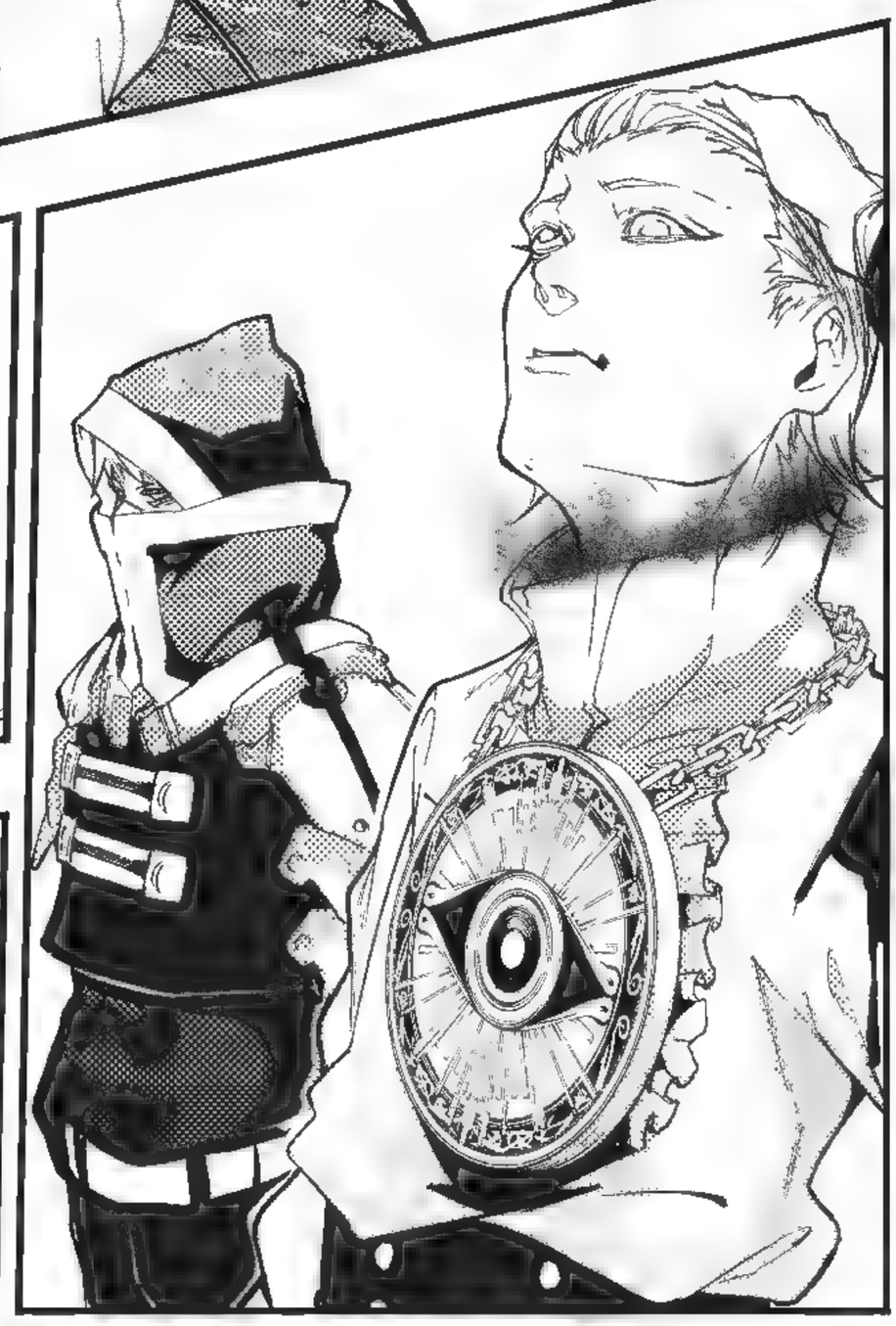
LOOKS LIKE THE DUKE WASN'T ABLE TO FINISH THEM OFF.
SPLUT
SPLUT

DON'T BE MAD, MARZE.

YOU SAY THAT LIKE THIS ISN'T YOUR PROBLEM. WE WERE SUPPOSED TO DO THIS *QUIETLY*, BUT THANKS TO YOU AND YOUR GAMES, OUR COVER'S BLOWN TO HELL NOW.


THOSE... ARE OUR PROFESSORS' HEADS... DID YOU KILL THEM...?
WHAT?

WHO ARE YOU PEOPLE?!



PA
POP

DUN

DUN

DUN

ただの悪者だよ By

ワル モノ

JUST YOUR AVERAGE BADDIES.

...THE MAGIA VANDER'S BARRIER?!
FAKE SKY? THEY CAN'T MEAN...

WHAT ARE THEY SAYING? ACCORDING TO THE LORE, IF THE BARRIER FALLS, THE CALAMITY WILL BEGIN!

"偽りの空"をブチ壊したいんだ
WE WANT TO BUST THROUGH THE "FAKE SKY."

そんじゃあ せっかくだし
WELL, SINCE YOU'RE HERE...
SWOOSH
君達の首 ちょうだい?
...MIND IF I TAKE YOUR HEADS?

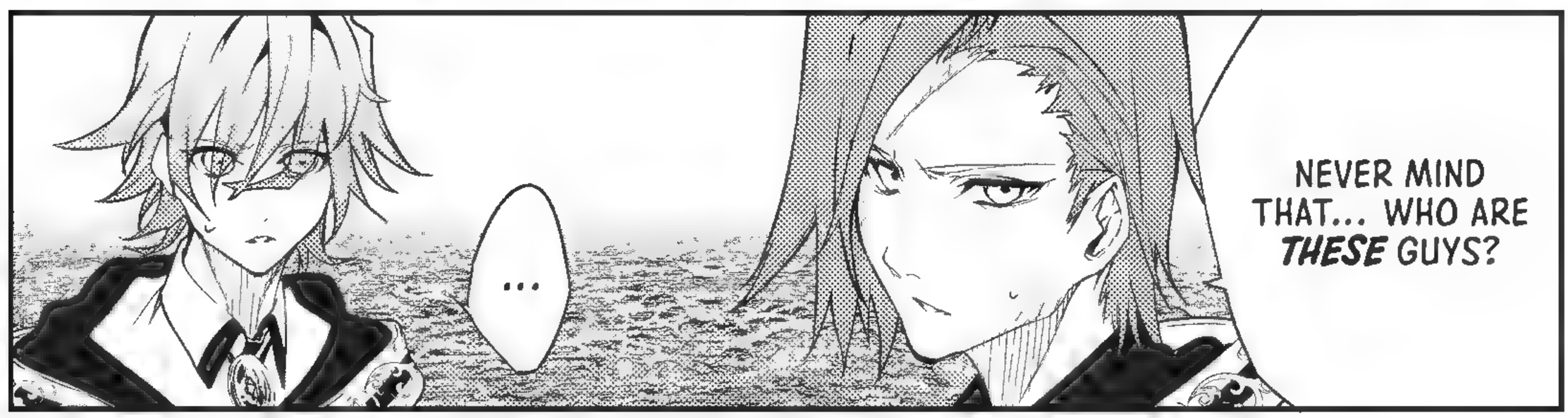
バイバイ
BYE, BYE.

BOOM

WILL!

SWING
TUMBLE
WE FOUND A TRAIL OF STONES ON THE GROUND, SO WE FOLLOWED IT, AND IT LED US STRAIGHT HERE!
WE FOLLOWED KIKI'S NOSE... AND YOUR ORE TRAIL, COLETTE!

WILL! AND... EVERY-ONE ELSE!
SORRY WE TOOK SO LONG! ARE YOU OKAY?!
HOW DID YOU FIND US?


...
NEVER MIND THAT... WHO ARE *THESE* GUYS?

HE... HAS NO HEAD...

可愛い首がこんなに沢山
LOOK AT ALL THESE CUTE LITTLE HEADS.

FWOOM

SHUDDER

SHUDDER

GRR!

EEK!

WHOOSH

I'LL KEEP THEM HERE!

MEANWHILE, YOU GUYS–

Pon POOF

WILL!
WHUMP

いいねぇ、君たち…
OH, I LIKE YOU GUYS.

ゾクゾクするよ…
I'M GETTING CHILLS...

LOL

君達の首 ぜひコレクションに加えて—
I CAN'T WAIT TO ADD YOUR HEADS TO MY COLLEC—

YANK

WE'VE GOT TROUBLE ON THE WAY. LET'S GO GET THE GOODS.

TIME'S UP.

WHA?!

A GATE?! THAT'S THE MAGE-QUEEN'S SECRET TELEPORTATION SPELL!

BUT THAT... IT CAN'T BE...

NO, PLEASE...

...WE SAW ON THE 10TH FLOOR.

IT'S THE SAME MONSTER...

FWOO
OOSH

Continued in Volume 5!

Next Volume Preview
...270 CREDITS.
IT'S AN EVIL GRAND DUKE!
A 270-credit monster?! It's hopeless!
Wistoria 5
Wand and Sword
A nightmare descends upon the 11th floor... It's an Evil Grand Duke! Can the party make it out alive against such a terrible foe?!

LIHANNA OWENZAUS

Race: Lyzance
Age: 16
Height: 5'2"

Birthday: 24th of Carnsmoon
(January 24th, in our world)

Likes: · Stories of the Knights of Reusche
· Crepes from the elusive Queen Galette food cart that randomly appears on Crowstar Street

Dislikes: The Owennors family

First love: A nameless pumpkinhead

Lowest dungeon floor reached: 11th

Equipment: · Silverbolt Wand
· Misericorde of the Oath

Skills: · Owen Sique (House Owen secret magic)
· Close-quarters combat centered on lightning magic

Born into the knight family of Owenzaus. Her abilities have made her the best in her year and earned her the nickname of "Miss Perfect."

Surprisingly, she loves food enough to shock even Will. In her own words, "Close-quarters combat consumes a lot of stamina and magic, so it's natural for me to need more fuel than the average mage. I am *not* always stuffing my face, so don't get the wrong idea, okay? It's true... Seriously."

WIGNALL LINDOR

Race: Elf
Age: 75 (approximately 15, in mage years)
Height: 5'9"

Birthday: 1st of Arzhelmoon
(June 1st, in our world)

Likes: · Elven tales he used to read with his foster sister
· Herbal tea from Knight, a high-end cafe that Lihanna introduced him to

Dislikes: Anything to do with dwarves

Wants to protect: Ellenor Ljos Alf

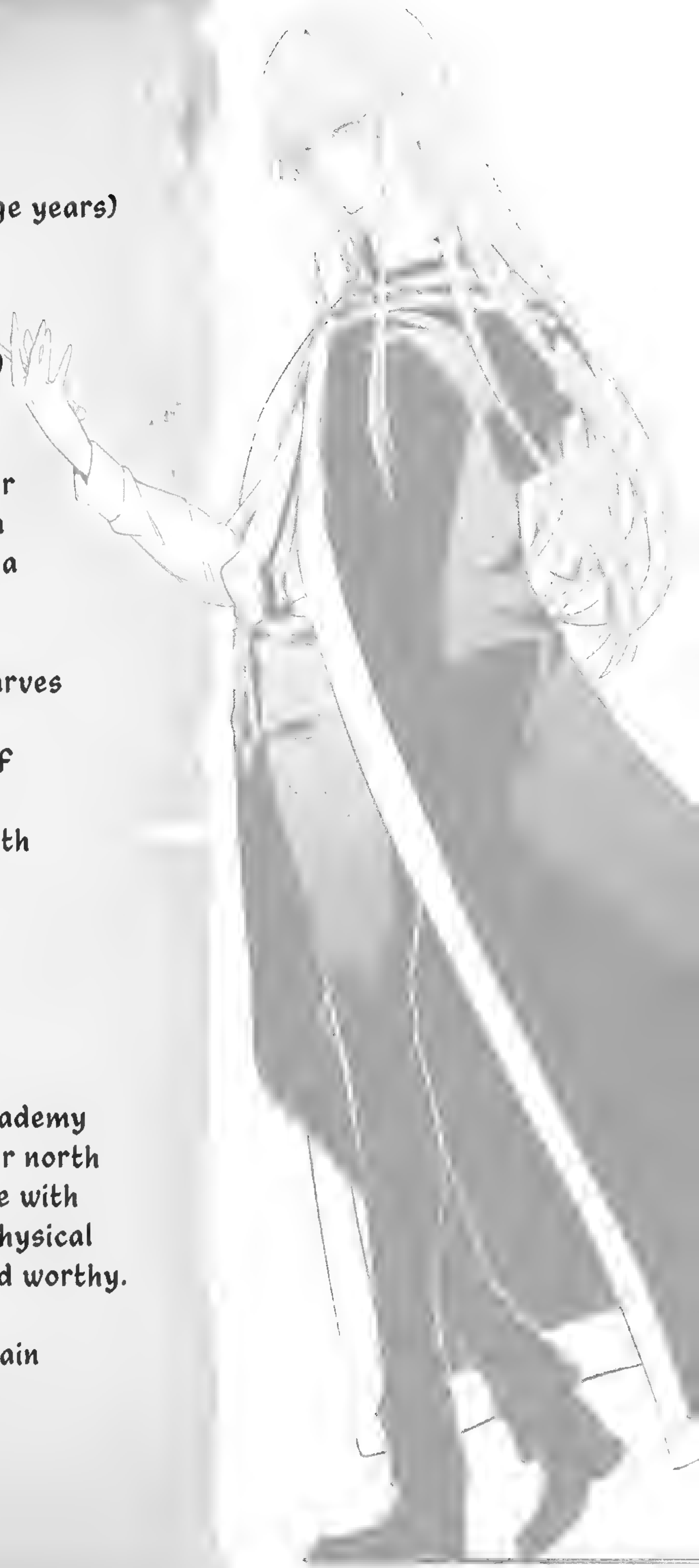
Lowest dungeon floor reached: 11th

Equipment: Greenseed Wand

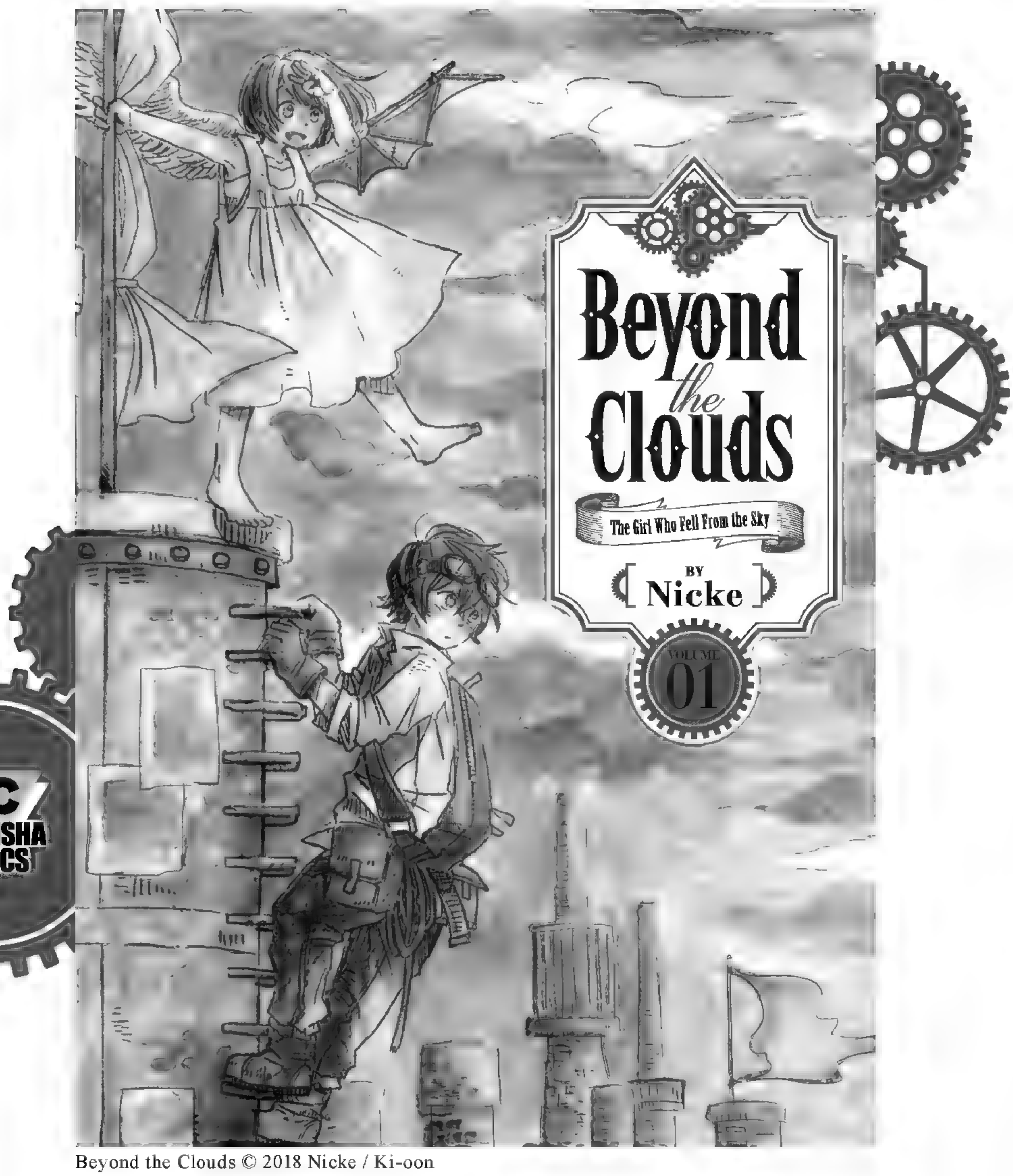
Skills: · Wind-based mage spells
· Illusion magic

An elf who transferred to the academy from Alfswood, located to the far north of Urbus Regarden. In accordance with elven customs, he only permits physical contact with those he has deemed worthy.

Shares the same dream as a certain no-talent.



Young characters and steampunk setting, like *Howl's Moving Castle* and *Battle Angel Alita*



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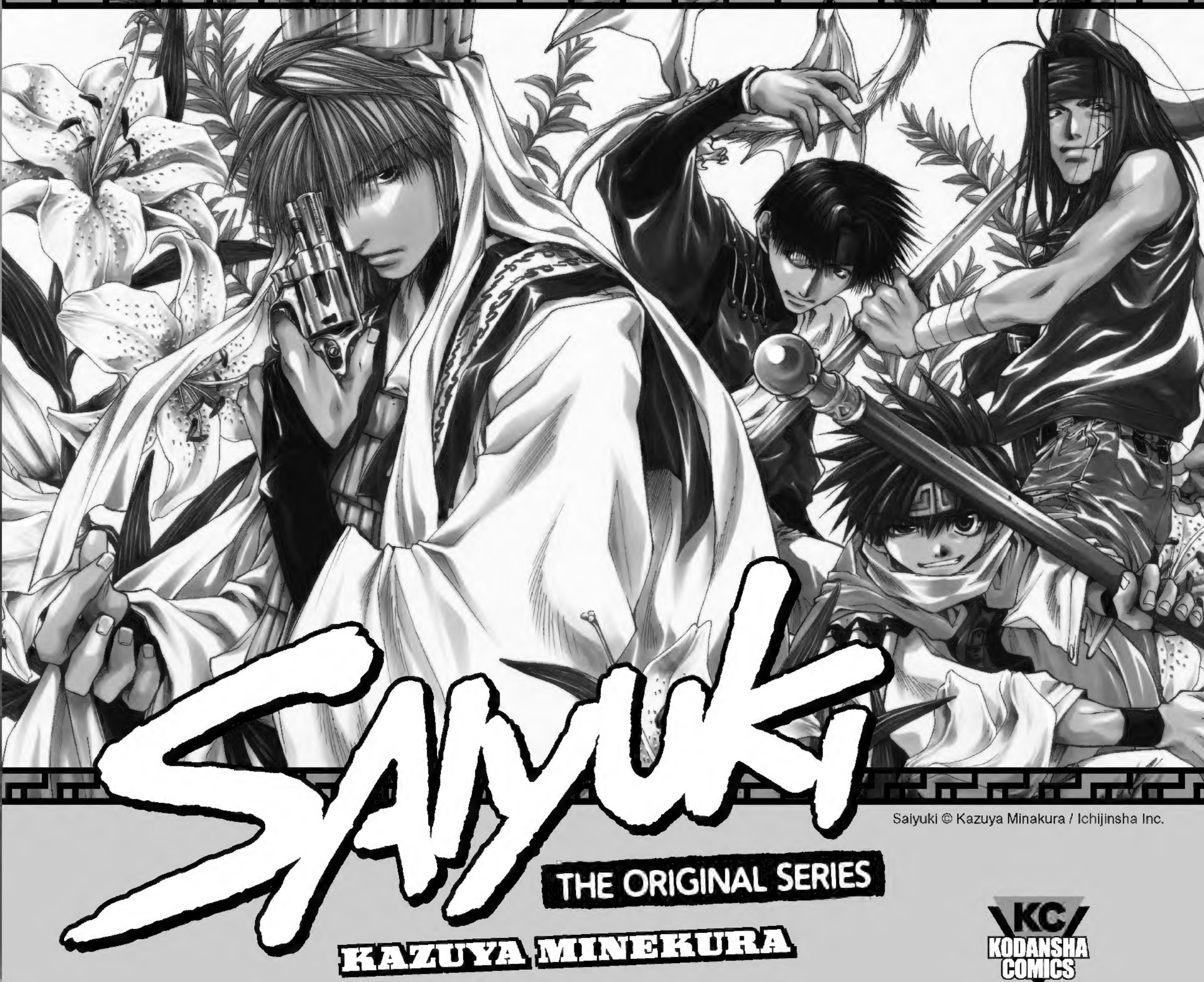

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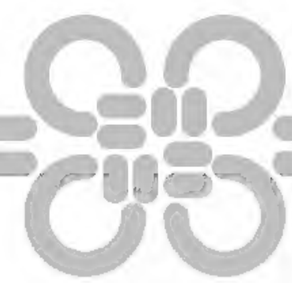

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